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Peres hails 'economic revolution'

JOSE ROSENFELD

CASABLANCA

CALLING the Casablanca summit "the beginning of a revolution in the Middle East," Foreign Minister Shimon Peres reported yesterday on major US and European commitments to develop the region.

He said the Europeans are seriously getting involved in the development of the Middle East in the next five years and have pledged $7 billion for the area's economic development. The assistance, which will be provided by the European Bank, would go to all the peace-seeking countries in the region. Peres noted that currently this means that Syria and Libya would be excluded.

Peres also reported on his meeting with US Treasury Undersecretary for International Affairs Larry Summers, who said a regional bank would be established by the end of the year.

This constitutes a major change in the US Treasury's position, which agreed reluctantly to go along with the concept.

In addition, the Americans have pledged that the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), the US foreign investment insurance company, would finance half the cost of a feasibility study to develop the Jordan Rift Valley. Moreover, OPIC agreed to provide $74 million in short term loans to Jordanian small businesses.

The credit is provided against the purchase of US goods and services. OPIC will also help finance the expansion of the Aqaba airport to serve Eilat as well.

The European Bank committed itself to finance feasibility studies for water production in Jordan.

Peres said he found the interest elicited by the conference, which brought together 1,200 companies, 400 government officials and 60 heads of state and ministers from throughout the world, "amazing."

"I did not expect this to happen so fast and to go so far," he said.

Peres reported that Qatar's minister of finance told him at a meeting they held yesterday that Qatar wants to hold the next regional summit after the Amman Conference next year.

Asked whether Qatar and Oman would be ready to formalize relations with Israel, Peres refused to answer directly, although he hinted that he expected progress in that direction soon.

He noted that Israel would have to undergo a major change in attitude to adjust to the new economic reality in the region. He said Israel remains entrenched in a boycott mentality while the rest of the world is marching ahead. "The world is taking a step forward, while we are going in reverse," said Peres.

The Casablanca Summit has transformed the Middle East, whose sole economic organization consisted of the Arab boycott, into a region looking towards economic cooperation, the foreign minister said.

"Instead of the Arab boycott, there is Arab openness; because of the change in the Arabs' approach, there is a change on all fronts – the American, European, official and international institutions – and when getting down to the details one feels these changes," said Peres.

Asked why the Europeans were so forthcoming only now, after having been so reticent to contribute, he responded that until now Israel did not know how to approach them.

Peres admitted, however, that there were problems in opening European markets to Israeli telecommunications and agricultural exports. He said that he expects the Europeans to allow Israel to get up to 1 percent of the telecommunications markets, noting that the problems in opening Europe's market was largely a problem of inter-European competition.

Peres refuted criticism that none of the foreign investments in the region will go to Israel, saying, "elimination itself of hate is a contribution to Israel's economy."

Peres ridiculed Finance Minister Avraham Shohat's concerns about Israel's costs to finance the establishment of a regional bank. "Israel can afford to buy a 5 percent share in [Jacques] Appali's bank [the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development, in London] and can't afford to do it with a regional bank?" he asked rhetorically.

Peres added that the bank will be established even without Shohat's permission to participate.

Members of the Histadrut Executive and workers councils burn tires during a demonstration against planned dismissals outside Histadrut headquarters in Tel Aviv yesterday. The demonstrators also broke glass doors on the fifth floor, where Chairman Haim Ramon's office is located. Ramon said the demonstrators were 'trying to make political gains through a wild protest and maintain the great life they had until today at the workers' expense.' (Israel Sun)

Rabin: No conditions for Lebanon talks

DAVID MAKOVSKY, DAVID RUDGE, and news agencies

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin has asked the US to clarify whether Beirut is linking its call for the establishment of a joint military committee to a prior commitment to IDF withdrawal from southern Lebanon.

If Lebanon is insisting on such a precondition, Israel is not interested, Rabin said yesterday.

Hizbullah criticized Hrawi's proposals yesterday, as senior Lebanese government officials took pains to stress that his statement contained nothing new.

Rabin's remarks came just a few days after Lebanese President Elias Hrawi was quoted by Egypt's Middle East News Agency as saying he is willing to set up a joint committee to work out a timetable for withdrawal in six months.

Speaking on Army Radio, Rabin said US Secretary of State Warren Christopher had raised Hrawi's proposal during their Sunday meeting in Casablanca, wondering if Israel would be interested.

"I suggested that the Americans check with the Lebanese to what extent this proposal demands as a condition for setting up the committee a prior Israeli commitment to withdraw to the international border. If that is the proposal, it does not appeal to me."

However, Rabin continued, "if the intention is to sit and discuss achieving peace, not about Security Council Resolution 425 ... but about the contents of peace negotiations, that would be interesting."

Resolution 425 calls for an immediate and unconditional Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon.

Rabin has repeatedly said Israel would withdraw from southern Lebanon in the context of peace, adding the pullout is also contingent on halting the arms flow to Hizbullah and the integration of the South Lebanon Army into the regular Lebanese forces.

Syrian President Hafez Assad, meanwhile, told a Damascus press conference last week that any deal with Syria must be accompanied by withdrawal from Lebanon. Until now, Syria has refrained from explicitly linking the two.

Recently, Damascus has called for a joint Syrian-Lebanese peace delegation in dealing with Israel. It appears that Syria's new focus on Lebanon is linked to concerns that Arab countries have gone their own way in making peace with Israel, and Damascus wants to make sure that Lebanon does not act independently.

Hizbullah radio quoted senior officials as saying that Hrawi had no right to offer to end the resistance. "Who is he to say he will end the resistance before the Zionist enemy has withdrawn from all of Lebanon and the occupation has ended?" a Hizbullah official was quoted as saying.

Government officials said the proposal merely reiterated Lebanon's well-known position that the establishment of a joint committee would be conditional on a prior commitment by Israel to withdraw from the security zone.

The only notable difference appeared to be that Hrawi was offering to curb and even cease resistance activities, primarily by Hizbullah, as soon as the committee is established.

Hrawi's proposals created a flurry of speculation in the Lebanese press. *As-Safir* asked how Hrawi proposed to control the situation in south Lebanon when the problem has exceeded the government's capabilities until now.

Closure to be eased today

ALON PINKAS

THE closure of the territories will be partially lifted today, as doctors, lawyers, and some academics will be allowed to enter Israel.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin authorized the partial lifting. The closure was imposed two weeks ago, following the Tel Aviv bus bombing.

According to military sources, Rabin has not set a timetable for the complete lifting. The sources said several hundred workers will be allowed to apply for entry later in the week, after which the future of the closure and the timetable for its lifting will be reviewed.

The partial lifting will be limited to white-collar workers, and will include doctors training or working in Israeli hospitals, lawyers who must appear in civilian courts, and some academics connected with Israeli universities.

The IDF refused to comment on any procedural changes in allowing Palestinians through the checkpoints in the Gaza Strip.

Liba'i recommends reducing sentence of Grunzweig's killer

HERB KEINON

THE life sentence given Yona Avrushmi for the murder of Peace Now activist Emil Grunzweig in 1983 should be commuted to 25 years, Justice Minister David Liba'i recommended to President Ezer Weizman yesterday.

Avrushmi was convicted in 1985 of throwing the grenade that killed Grunzweig during a Peace Now rally. According to a statement put out by the Justice Ministry yesterday, Avrushmi has never been let out of prison, not even to attend the funeral of his parents or his daughter's bat mitzva.

In his letter to Weizman, Liba'i wrote: "It appears to me that this prisoner should have a set sentence. The fact is that other criminals who acted in an ideological context and harmed Arabs, including those called the 'Jewish underground,' have been freed from prison. It is possible to view Avrushmi's crime against Peace Now as an ideological crime, which is – of course – a grave criminal act."

Liba'i wrote that as a Knesset member he was very critical of the decision to release the members of the Jewish underground – thereby discriminating against other prisoners – because the underground had a political lobby behind it.

In asking for the reduction of the sentence, Liba'i said that Avrushmi's brother fell in the Yom Kippur War, that the prisoner was forced to divorce the wife he loved, and that he has repeatedly expressed regret for the murder.

Peace Now spokeswoman Vered Livne said her organization is against the reduction of Avrushmi's sentence. "Someone who committed murder should serve the full term in prison," Livne said, adding that this case is even more grave because it was premeditated and "in cold blood."

Livne said she was surprised that Liba'i had raised the issue.

Capital's Arab population rises

BILL HUTMAN

JERUSALEM'S Arab population in continues to grow faster than its Jewish one, according to a municipality report obtained yesterday by *The Jerusalem Post*.

Non-Jews, mainly Arabs, made up some 28.3 percent of Jerusalem residents at the end of 1993, the report stated. In 1992, the figure for non-Jews was 27.9%.

The Arab population has grown slowly but steadily in relation to the Jewish population since the city's reunification. In 1967, 74.2% of the population was Jewish and 25.8% non-Jewish, compared to 71.7% and 28.3% in 1993.

The report, "An Update on 1993 Population Figures For Use in Planning," was compiled by the municipality's Strategic Planning Department, and given to City Hall last week

The report appeared to support last year's forecast by the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies that by 2010, Arabs would make up some 31% of the city's population.

The report did not address specific reasons the Arab population was growing faster than the Jewish population.

It noted, however, that "the last decade has been characterized by negative migration of the [Jewish] population."

"In 1993, the city lost more than 6,000 [Jewish] residents [compared to 5,368 in 1992] to other communities in the country," it stated.

The city's population at the end of 1993 was 567,147, some 32% higher than in 1990, according to the report.

Jordanian girl sends blood samples in hope of cure

JUDY SIEGEL

BLOOD samples from a 12-year-old Jordanian girl suffering from severe aplastic anemia and from her four siblings are on the way to Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, where bone-marrow transplant experts hope they will be able to cure her.

A day after the Jordan-Israel peace treaty was signed, Prime Minister Rabin and national bone-marrow transplant center director Prof. Shimon Slavin received letters from Heba Rushdi Shaban of Zarka.

The girl begged to undergo a bone-marrow transplant here, after her doctors in Jordan said they could not help her. Heba's father called Slavin to provide details on her illness.

Aplastic anemia is a blood defect in which the bone marrow can no longer produce blood cells; it is a genetic disorder frequently found in Mediterranean populations.

Slavin said last night he hopes the money can be found to cover the expenses, and that Hadassah has already agreed to a discount on blood-test fees. "If one of her brothers has a compatible type, it will be simple," said Slavin. "Since we fine-tuned our technique, all 10 patients with aplastic anemia have been cured; even before that, our success rate was 90 percent."

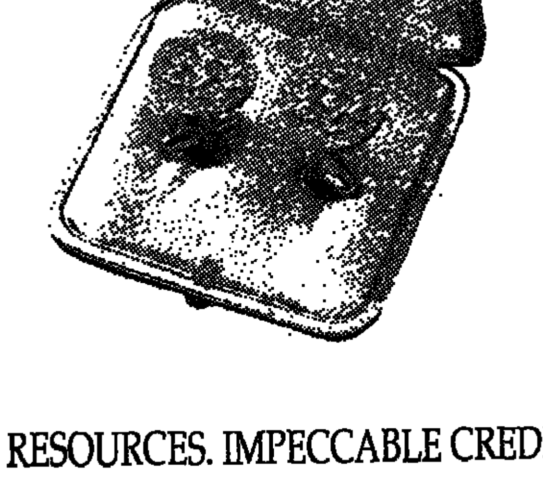
If Heba needs bone-marrow from a donor outside her family, the process is much more complicated, time-consuming and expensive. But even so, her chances for a cure would be good.

Slavin's center, which performs 150 transplants a year, is the only one in the country that injects bone-marrow taken from donors; the Children's Medical Center of Israel in Petah Tikva and Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer do "autologous" transplants with marrow taken from the patients themselves before they undergo chemotherapy.

The Hadassah center has 15 beds approved by the Health Ministry for treating Israelis, and two additional beds set aside for foreigners; one group, he insists, is not accommodated at the expense of the other. The center is due to expand soon, but it has already instituted outpatient treatment that allows some patients to undergo a transplant and go home the same day.

Slavin favors a monopoly on bone-marrow transplants for his center, because he believes "there must be a critical mass of patients, enough volume so that we can be the best. Here people think all day and night about bone-marrow transplants, attend all the international meetings and know the literature. Dividing the patients among several centers reduces quality."

The professor dreams of a day when large numbers of foreign patients from the Middle East and elsewhere will come to Jerusalem for bone-marrow transplants. But "new techniques may mean some patients wouldn't even need to undergo a transplant."



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Mordechai: Soldiers' failure a 'localized breakdown'

DAVID RUDGE

OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai yesterday termed Saturday's incident in which Hizbullah gunmen briefly took over the outer defenses of an IDF position in the security zone and planted their flag there a "localized breakdown."

He stressed that the alleged failure of two or three soldiers did not represent a malaise among Givati Brigade troops in particular or Northern Command soldiers in general.

After an inquiry to be completed today, disciplinary measures will be taken against soldiers and commanders found responsible for the mistakes and any misconduct, said Mordechai.

Two Givati Brigade soldiers were wounded during the assault in the Ali Tahr region, in the eastern sector of the zone. The attack was eventually repulsed, but without Hizbullah suffering the kind of casualties it should have, according to Mordechai.

About 40 minutes later the post was again attacked, this time by long-range mortar fire. One of the rounds exploded near the position manned by Staff Sgt. Almog Klein, 20, who was hit in the head by shrapnel and died en route to the hospital by helicopter.

"Almog, as I emphasized at the funeral, was at his position with his battle pouches and his rifle and with his face towards the enemy," Mordechai told reporters in the north yesterday.

"If other soldiers of the post, at the time of the assault, had been in the position, which was later manned by Almog, not one terrorist would have succeeded in approaching the post. If a terrorist had come close he would have been killed," said Mordechai.

The Hizbullah gunmen were equipped with uniforms, helmets and flak jackets, as well as regular army communication equipment and were armed with light weapons and anti-tank missiles.

They attacked under cover of mortar and machine gun fire, having come within rifle range without being detected. They even had the audacity to take along a cameraman to videotape the assault.

The video showed the gunmen approaching the stronghold under covering fire, reaching the outer ramparts and a forward position there, and raising their flag before planting explosives and blowing up the bunker. According to reports from the inquiry, two or three IDF soldiers manning the forward position actually saw the Hizbullah gunmen approaching.

Instead of opening fire, they allegedly abandoned the position on the pretext of going to raise the alarm and ordering a barrage to be directed at the Hizbullah gunmen.

The return fire, however, initially came from a soldier manning another observation post who spotted the gunmen raising their flag over the forward position, prior to blowing it up.

It is still unclear whether this shooting prompted the fighters to retreat, or the fact that they had achieved their objective.

Mordechai said that other troops then joined in, but did not immediately charge and pin down the gunmen so they could be eliminated. He said one gunman was killed and one wounded, but by the time tanks joined the counterattack, the attackers had fled.

Mordechai maintained that the incident was not an example of "sentry syndrome" or a question of lack of discipline. "In a battle either you fight or you don't. If you fight you win, whereas if you retreat for one reason or another and don't fight you get different results," he said.

"This is an uncomfortable and painful incident personally and from the point of view of the soldiers and officers of the outpost. But it does not point to any phenomenon in the IDF's fighting ability," he said.

Alon Pinkas contributed to this report.

Gaza-Jericho 'safe passage' opens next week

DAN IZENBERG

POLICE Minister Moshe Shahal said yesterday he expected the Palestinian "safe passage" route between Gaza and Jericho to be put into operation next week following a discussion of the matter between Prime Minister Rabin and PLO chief Yasser Arafat in Rabat.

During a Labor faction meeting, Shahal also presented statistics showing a 12 percent drop in the number of terror-related incidents over the past year; however, he stressed that Palestinian terrorists were using more sophisticated and lethal tactics including the use of suicide bombers.

In related matters, Shahal said that a law enacted six months ago to stop Palestinians from sleeping over in Israel without permission was not being properly enforced. He added the police wanted to take the fingerprints of Palestinian laborers issued work permits after discovering that they were trafficking in the permits. Some workers, said Shahal, have given their plastic-enclosed permits to others who have split them open and inserted their own pictures.

Shahal said that the policing of the safe passage route, which he thought would open next week, was one of three new responsibilities imposed upon the police. The other two were manning the border crossing points and patrolling the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron.

He stressed that the safe passage does not apply to Palestinian fugitives, who will be seized on sight. However, Palestinians who fail to receive a security clearance enabling them to work in Israel will be allowed to travel between the two autonomy areas.

He indicated that most Palestinians will travel by bus and will be allowed to make the trip no more than twice a week. The buses will be escorted throughout the trip by police.

Private cars will travel unescorted; they will be registered and marked at the entrance to Israeli territory and will be allotted a certain amount of time – roughly three hours – to make the trip. The police will act against anyone exceeding the allotted time except in case of illness or mechanical problems, said Shahal.

The police will decide which of the four safe passage routes will be used at any time.

According to figures presented by Shahal, there were a total of 2,707 terrorist acts of all kinds during the 12 months beginning September 13, 1993, compared with 3,083 in the previous 12 months.

In Jerusalem, the number of terrorist acts dropped by 48 percent. Arson attacks dropped by 54 percent after the apprehension of a gang responsible for the epidemic of car torchings in the city.

Shahal's figures did not include the recent Tel Aviv bus bombing or the shootout in downtown Jerusalem. They also did not relate to the number of dead and wounded.

He said that during his term of office 3,000 additional policemen had been recruited to the force. A bill due to be presented to the Knesset next week will make it possible to induct army-age conscripts into the police force instead of the military.

Shahal said that since the law aimed at preventing Palestinians from sleeping over in Israel without permission was passed six months ago, 78 employers had been fined a total of NIS 300,000, but none of those convicted had paid up yet.

Bezek proposes regional telecommunications body

JUDY SIEGEL

BEZEK Director-General Yitzhak Kaul yesterday proposed the establishment of a Middle East Telecommunications Organization (METO) to coordinate development plans by countries in the region.

Kaul, speaking at the Middle East/North Africa Economic Conference in Casablanca, said this roof body would help boost Middle Eastern economies to Western levels. Kaul urged that 30 million phone lines be installed in the region by the year 2000, instead of the 19.5 million planned by the International Telecommunications Union.

He also urged investing $45 billion for this purpose and for paving an information superhighway to link all the national computer networks.

This development effort could also include the establishment of data bases and the transmission of data at high speeds as required for multimedia purposes. Israel is ready to contribute its expertise and advanced communications capabilities to help other countries plan this project, he said. Kaul suggested that the World Bank and oil states raise money and supply manpower for it.

Police brace for Knesset panel visit on Temple Mount

BILL HUTMAN

POLICE are bracing for a possible confrontation on the Temple Mount today, with the Knesset Interior Committee planing a visit to the holy site and Moslem leaders vowing that only they have the final say who can enter.

Committee chairman Yehoshua Matza said that Moslem leaders were not consulted about the visit, because "there was no need to speak with them."

"The Wakf (Moslem religious authority) has no right to say who can and who can't enter the Temple Mount," Matza said.

Palestinian leader Faisal Husseini declared last week that "the Moslems hold the keys" to the Temple Mount, spurring Matza to plan the visit in an effort to underscore Israel's control of the site.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Sir Sigmund Sternberg, representing the Board of Deputies of British Jews, presented to the Duke of Edinburgh messages from the Chief Rabbi, Dr. Jonathan Sacks, and Archbishop Gregorios of Thyateira and Great Britain, on the occasion of the Yad Vashem Award to his late mother Princess Alice.

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Audacity reveals a flaw

COMMENT

ALON PINKAS

FOLLOWING Saturday's Hizbullah attack on an IDF outpost in Lebanon, it is tempting – and to a degree justifiable – to severely criticize some officers and soldiers for their inaction, unacceptable deviation from IDF doctrine, and inexplicable disorientation.

Equally nonconstructive would be the predictable laments over the loss of the IDF's fighting spirit and the tarnished quality of its soldiers and officers.

Both critiques contain some truth, but would be the easy way out of what is a broader structural problem.

Hizbullah's audacious attack on the Dabsha outpost on the northern edge of the security zone elicited not only an unacceptable, even disgraceful response from some of the soldiers stationed there, but revealed an inherent flaw in the entire fixed outpost system the IDF employs in the zone.

The investigation into the event indicates that the attackers split into two forces, one of which advanced undetected from the west. That force was not fired at when discovered. More significant as far as IDF doctrine is concerned is that soldiers did not assault the attackers when their advance became visible. The investigation points to three soldiers that retreated, to the fact that some officers in the outpost were not aware of a three-pronged attack, and consequently did not manage the battle until very late. They also failed to use a tank at their disposal.

The investigation also revealed another problem – inaccuracies, discrepancies, and possibly lies in the soldiers' debriefing. This runs contrary to everything the IDF stands for. It is contrary to its traditional doctrines and fighting culture, and demonstrates behavior that even under mitigating circumstances should not be condoned or tolerated.

But the flaw should not be localized to one outpost and thus marginalized. It was not, as OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai said, a "localized failure."

The concept of a fixed chain of outposts is no less a disadvatageous departure from IDF doctrine than the soldiers' behavior. A fixed line implies relative immobility, frequent movement on the same roads, loss of agility, and most importantly, the need to remain alert and maintain readiness in routine, something the undisciplined IDF has never been good at.

These problems are compounded when the line is attacked. Hizbullah's attack was coordinated, well planned, and efficiently executed. It was preceded by artillery fire, and the infantry advance was "textbook" according to the videotape. Fortunately it ended with only a Hizbullah flag atop a dirt ramp on a tape. It could have ended far worse, and the IDF can count itself lucky that only one soldier was killed and two wounded.

US Fire Service Deputy Chief Gray Reynolds plants a tree yesterday in a Jewish National Fund forest commemorating 20 US firefighters who were killed in a July blaze in Colorado. At the ceremony in American Independence Park at Ness Harim in the Judean Hills, Reynolds said the time has come for the two countries to pool their common knowledge and experience in arid land afforestation and water resources management. (Text: Liat Collins; photo: Flash 90)

Palestinian Police takes up posts at Rafiah crossing

JON IMMANUEL

PALESTINIAN Police raised the flag at the Rafiah border crossing yesterday and put up signs in three languages saying "Welcome to the Palestinian Authority," becoming partners with Israel in controlling the frontier between Gaza and Egypt.

Brig.-Gen. Arye Shifman and Brig. Ziad Atrash, heads of the joint liaison committee, shook hands across the table at the checkpoint to formalize the new arrangements, outlined in the Cairo accords.

Palestinian Police will process incoming and outgoing Gaza and Jericho residents, while Israeli border policemen will monitor the proceedings unseen from behind a screen. Other Palestinians will be checked by Palestinian Police, then Israeli police. Foreign tourists will be checked by Israeli police.

Majdi Khaldi, director of the Palestinian Authority Planning Office, told reporters that the security aspects of processing incoming and outgoing travelers has been settled, but talks will continue until Palestinians post their own customs officials.

Similar arrangements at the Allenby Bridge crossing from Jordan are expected to be settled by tomorrow, Palestinian Police said.

Scouts accused of damaging Ein Gedi Reserve

AMIR ROZENBLIT

THE Nature Reserves Authority has accused a group of 250 Scouts from Jerusalem of causing damage to the Ein Gedi Reserve last week.

NRA spokeswoman Dina Weinstein said the group ran wild, harming animals, scattering rocks, and leaving a lot of garbage.

"Besides the great deal of damage they caused, the Scouts also disturbed other groups by their behavior. The group underwent no prior orientation, and the leaders exhibited a total lack of control over their charges," she said.

She said the NRA intends to take the matter up with the Scouts' leadership and to ban groups which have not been instructed in proper behavior.

Woman's 'brutal' arrest enrages Hebron settlers

HERB KEINON

HEBRON settlers are seething over yesterday's arrest in their city of Batya Cohen, and – for the second time in a month – are charging police brutality during an arrest.

According to Hebron settlement head Noam Arnon, Cohen's car was stopped by two police cars in Hebron. He said the police dragged Cohen from her car, in the process knocking off her head covering, and left her two daughters in the vehicle.

A number of settlers went to the Hebron police station later in the day and protested the arrest. Cohen was later released on bail.

A police spokesman, however, said that reasonable force was used after Cohen refused to accompany the police for questioning. The spokesman said the police had been asking her for two weeks to come in for questioning in connection with the kicking of a police officer on Yom Kippur, but that she had refused.

Court blocks demolition of bus bomber's family home

EVELYN GORDON

THE High Court of Justice yesterday issued an interim injunction preventing the army from destroying the house belonging to the father of the Tel Aviv bus bombing's perpetrator.

The injunction was in response to a petition filed by the Association of Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) on behalf of the father, Abed Nazel of Kalkilya.

According to ACRI, this is the first time the court will discuss the issue of whether it is permissible to destroy someone's house when the perpetrator is already dead, so that the punishment would injure only his family.

For years, said attorney Eliahu Abram in the petition, the army has refused to destroy houses if the terrorist was already dead, on the grounds that this would be punishing the innocent. This was even the state's response to a petition by MK Abdel Wahab Darawshe asking that the house of Hebron mass-murderer Baruch Goldstein be destroyed, he noted.

But in this case, Abram added, the perpetrator, Sallah Nazel, had not lived in his parents' house for years, and his family had not even heard from him in the past six months. Therefore, the petition said, destroying the house would be doubly punishing the innocent.

Abram argued that the law required a house to have served as the terrorist's actual residence in order for it to be destroyed. He also said the army's decision violated the Basic Law: Human Dignity and Freedom and the overall philosophy of Israeli law, which prohibits punishing the innocent.

Finally, he argued, it is doubtful that destroying the house would achieve the army's desired goal of deterrence. The petition cited an interview with former OC Central Command Amram Mitzna (now mayor of Haifa) on army radio.

"I have questions about whether this punishment is effective," Mitzna said. "The extremist groups roaming the territory today have in effect severed their connection with their families. To a very large degree, the family has no influence on the terrorist and the terrorist has no influence on the family in these cases."

The court will hear the petition next Monday.

Sarid meets Tunisian counterpart

LIAT COLLINS

"ISRAEL and Tunisia can be good partners in regional environmental projects," said Environment Minister Yossi Sarid yesterday after meeting with his Tunisian counterpart Mohammed Mahdi Malika. Sarid also said Tunisian environmentalists would be invited here shortly.

The meeting between the two ministers lasted about 90 minutes and was conducted in a friendly atmosphere. The Tunisian minister said he was pleased that at last it was possible to officially invite an Israeli minister to his country. Malika expressed satisfaction at Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's meeting with the Tunisian foreign minister in Casablanca on Sunday and said that meeting and Sarid's visit are a good sign of the general progress of the peace process and the improved relations between the countries.

Sarid raised the subject of diplomatic ties with Tunisia. Malika said he had no doubt that the level of ties would rise in the future, and that meanwhile it was possible to strengthen ties by cooperating in different fields, including the environment.

The Tunisian minister suggested an exchange of environmental experts and Sarid said he would send an invitation and program to the Tunisians on his return to Jerusalem.

Today Sarid will participate in the opening of the conference of environment ministers from Mediterranean countries, along with 12 of his counterparts from the area.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Synagogue 'shamash' dies in fall

The *shamash* of an Ashkelon synagogue died yesterday, after falling from a ladder while he was changing light bulbs. At about noon, the synagogue *gabai* found Yosef Chinsashvili lying in a pool of blood and called an ambulance. Chinsashvili was rushed to Barzilai Hospital, where he died of his injuries. *Itim*

Technion lecturer found murdered

Technion lecturer Yeshayahu Damner's body was found dead in his apartment in Haifa's Kiryat Eliezer neighborhood yesterday, *an apparent murder victim.*

The 46-year-old electrical engineering lecturer, a bachelor, was found in the apartment after police broke down the door when the Technion informed him Damner had missed two days of work. Neighbors told police Damner often had male guests, some of them Arabs, in the apartment and was last seen Friday. *Itim*

Beersheba workers end strike

Beersheba municipal workers ended their strike yesterday after the city agreed to transfer the NIS 8 million it owed to their social benefits funds. The workers had ended a previous strike over non-payment of wages on condition the money be paid within 10 days. When it was not, they walked off the job on Thursday.

Kashoggi to represent 'Telegraph'

Telegraph Communications, publishers of the business newspaper *Telegraph*, announced yesterday that Saudi businessman Adnan Kashoggi has agreed to serve as its agent in the Arab world. He will work to build relations between the paper and the media in Arab countries.

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Reform HUC gets first-ever allocation

HERB KEINON

THE Hebrew Union College's Jewish Institute of Religion received an allocation of NIS 213,000 from the Religious Affairs Ministry late last week, marking the first time this school, founded in Jerusalem in 1963, received an allocation from the ministry.

The allocation comes as a result of a June agreement given the force of a High Court of Justice verdict whereby the Religious Affairs Ministry will begin funding non-Orthodox religious groups.

The check was deposited in the school's bank account after an official from Hebrew Union College called the Religious Affairs Ministry and threatened to go back to the High Court if the money was not forwarded.

Pnina Livny, a spokeswoman for the Union of Progressive Judaism, said that the transfer of funds is significant because it gives Hebrew Union College government recognition. She said it is unimportant that the recognition only came after the intervention of the High Court of Justice, saying that what is important is that now the college and the Reform and Conservative movements in Israel will be receiving funds.

A spokesman for the Hebrew Union College said that the sum, for fiscal year 1993, represents only 2.6 percent of the school's annual budget. The spokesman also said that another NIS 150,000 still has to be transferred for 1993, as well as the total sum for 1994.

The funding comes from a new budgetary category in the Religious Affairs Ministry labeled "other Jewish religious institutions." This led one senior ministry source to say after the agreement was reached in the High Court of Justice that the Reform and Conservative movements "will now be placed together in a budget category with the Samaritans and Karaites. That's the type of recognition they seek?"

Court asked to qualify candidacy of Masorti rabbi

HERB KEINON

THE World Union for Progressive Judaism, the Masorti movement and Meretz petitioned the High Court of Justice yesterday to cancel a Kiryat Tivon local council decision disqualifying a Masorti rabbi and World Union activist from sitting on the local religious council.

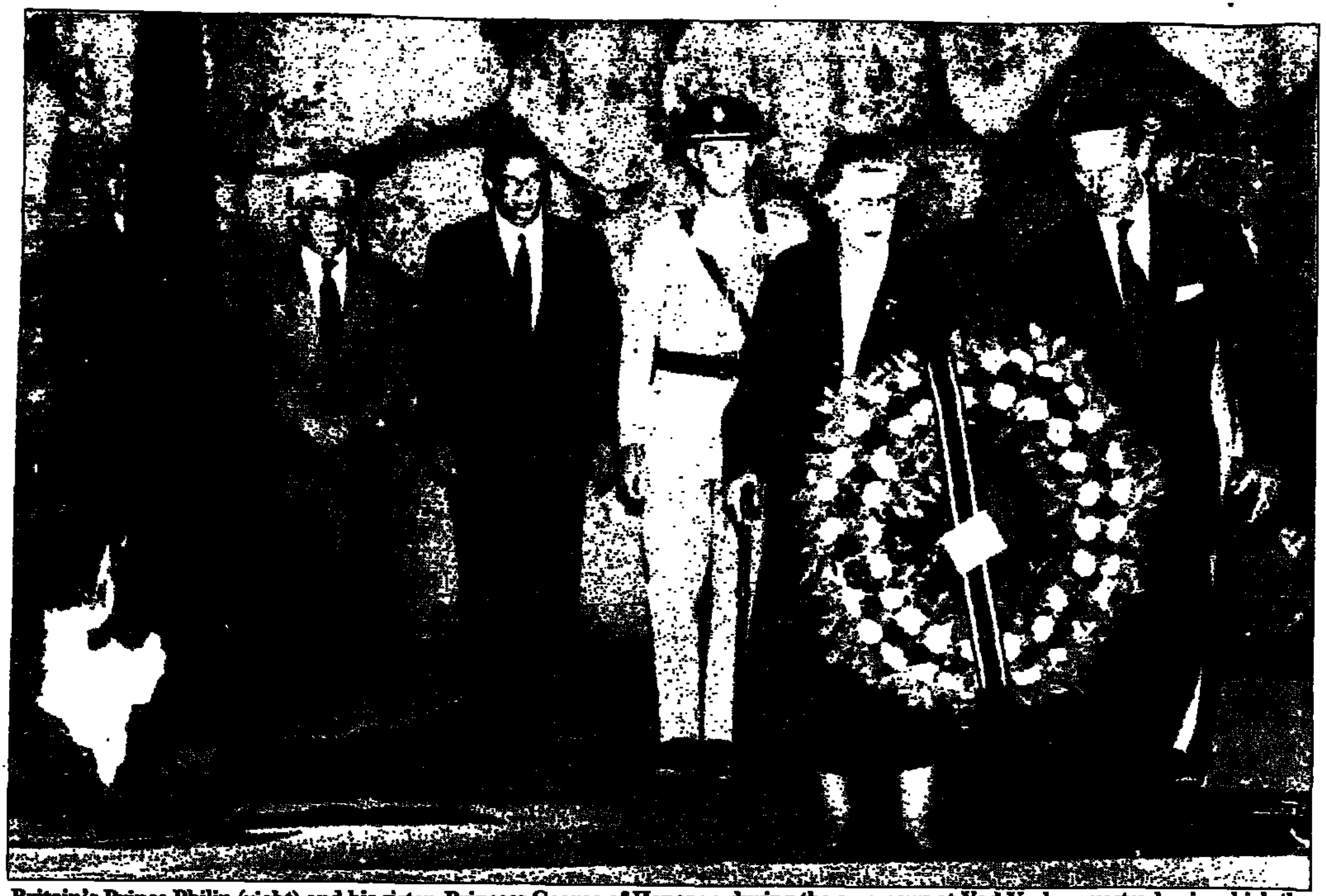
The two candidates, Rabbi Shalom Kalil Rosenberg and Gabriel Shavit, were the candidates to the council selected by Meretz and a local party called Tal.

The petitioners are claiming that the only reason that the candidates were disqualified, and six Orthodox representatives elected instead, was because of their affiliation.

Pnina Livny, the spokeswoman for the World Union of Progressive Judaism, said this is in direct contradiction to a High Court of Justice ruling from January that it is forbidden to disqualify candidates to the religious councils because of their affiliation.

Two other petitions in the High Court of Justice against the Haifa and Jerusalem municipal councils for disqualifying candidates representing the two movements are currently pending.

Currently there are no representatives of either group on any local religious council in the country.



Britain's Prince Philip (right) and his sister, Princess George of Hanover, during the ceremony at Yad Vashem yesterday in which the title of Righteous Amongst the Nations was conferred on his late mother who had saved the lives of the Cohen family in Athens.(IPPA)

Yad Vashem honors Prince Philip's family

BATSHEVA TSUR

PRINCESS Alice saved Jews out of a conviction that it was totally natural to help her fellow human beings in distress, Britain's Prince Philip declared at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem yesterday.

He was speaking at a ceremony during which the title of Righteous Amongst the Nations was conferred on his late mother who had saved the lives of an Athens family. The ceremony was also attended by Philip's elder sister, Princess George (Princess Sophie) of Hanover, as well as the Knesset Speaker, the education minister, the Yad Vashem directorate, MKs, the British ambassador and members of the rescued Cohen family.

"The events we are commemorating took place without our knowledge and without our involvement," Philip told the audience at the Yad Vashem auditorium. "As far as we know, [our mother] had never mentioned to anyone that she had given refuge to the Cohen family at a time when Jews throughout Greece were in great danger of being arrested and transported to the death camps."

Explaining Princess Alice's reticence, Philip said: "I suspect that she never thought of it as something special. She was a person with deep religious faith and she would have considered it to be a totally natural human action to fellow human beings in distress."

The audience was moved as Philip spoke of his "first-hand experience of the antisemitic frenzy" that was gripping Germany in the Thirties when he was sent to boarding school there. "The founder of the school had already been driven out of Germany by Nazi persecution, simply because he was a Jew," Philip said.

Then it hit even closer. One night, the senior boy who had been appointed as helper to the new arrivals, and who was of Jewish origin, was overpowered in his bed and had all his hair cut off, the prince recalled. "Nothing could have given us a clearer indication of prejudice and persecution." Philip gave his English school cricket cap to the older boy, who wore it until his hair grew back.

"It may have been trivial but I have never forgotten this act of inhumanity... It seems to me the essential message of this memorial. It is a message which to all of us who were alive at the time of the Holocaust was only too apparent. It is only too clear that this message needs to get through also to present and future generations of all races and religion," the British prince said.

"Princess Alice's deepest dedication to the greatest human values will always be remembered," Jacques Cohen of Paris, one of the survivors, said in a message sent with his brother Michel, who attended the ceremony but was too moved to talk. "She showed her extreme courage and humanity at great peril to her life."

Outside, the prince and princess vigorously heaped earth and poured water on a maple tree sapling in memory of their mother. Philip then inscribed his name in the visitors' book, adding from Ecclesiastes: "God brings everything we do to justice."

It had been a moving morning for the royal family, who first visited Yad Vashem's Exhibition Hall and then participated in a memorial ceremony at Ohel Yizkor. There the duke rekindled the Eternal Flame and then, as they together laid a wreath on the symbolic grave of the Six Million, the princess crossed herself.

Earlier in the day, Philip had paid his first visit ever to his mother's tomb at the church of St. Mary Magdalene on the Mount of Olives. As the bells tolled, the royals walked through the Garden of Gethsemane where they were greeted by dozens of monks, nuns and congregants. The Greek Orthodox patriarch who had reinterred Prince Alice there in 1988 recited the graveside ceremony.

The day was capped with a meeting between the prince and Prime Minister Rabin who flew home from Casablanca shortly before Philip returned to London.

'The princess was the height of courage'

BATSHEVA TSUR

PRINCESS Alice of Greece took the secret of how she saved the Cohen family of Athens with her to her Jerusalem grave.

"We never heard about it from her," her son, Prince Philip of Britain, said yesterday, "and to the best of our knowledge, she never spoke to anyone about it. She simply saw it as her human duty, I suppose."

At Yad Vashem yesterday, following all the ceremonies, Princess George of Hanover met members of the Cohen family, trying to piece together the picture. Michel Cohen, the only remaining survivor among the three Cohens who had actually lived in a room on the third floor of the Athens palace, was overcome by emotion and his memory failed him.

"The princess was the height of nobility and courage. She took care of us and sent a servant to bring us food and news everyday," he said.

His sister-in-law, Stella Cohen of Geneva, who was recently widowed, had heard some details from her late husband Alfred, who had served in the Free Greek Army, with Princess Alice's help.

The Cohens were wealthy bankers who lived in northern Greece and the elder Cohen, Haim, was a member of parliament. "The Greek monarchs, who had two or three times stayed with our family in northern Greece, had wanted to give my father-in-law a knighthood," Stella Cohen said. "When he refused, they told him he could always ask them for anything he wanted."

In September 1943, the opportunity arrived when the Cohens fled to Athens. "It was a matter of life or death. They had false papers of course, and one day my husband saw the palace car. The palace was supposed to be empty, but he realized that Princess Alice must be there. My husband approached a minister's wife and asked whether she could hide the family, but she said no. Nevertheless, a short while later she made contact with the family and arranged everything. She was fantastic.

"They were taken into the palace at night through a very little door. The princess received them personally together with her lady-in-waiting. She was very friendly toward my mother-in-law and remained in contact after the war too."

In a message to the prince sent with his brother Michel, Jacques Cohen who lives in Paris, wrote: "With the liberation of Greece in 1944, Princess Alice refused to accept our thanks, saying simply she had only done what she believed to be her duty. When on her way to the UK, she stopped overnight in Rome, where I was serving in the Greek embassy, I again expressed to her my sincerest thanks which she answered by minimizing her courageous action."

Frenchman remanded for allegedly defrauding friends

RAINE MARCUS

A FRENCH national who allegedly defrauded women out of tens of thousands of dollars was remanded for another 10 days by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Henri Huna, 51, who posed as a Brazilian journalist, said he had fallen on hard times and intended to repay the money he "borrowed."

Chief Inspector Meir Maimon described how, after he had allegedly swindled one woman out of her life savings, Huna then wooed Ann Pollard, buying her 100 red roses and promising to buy her a car.

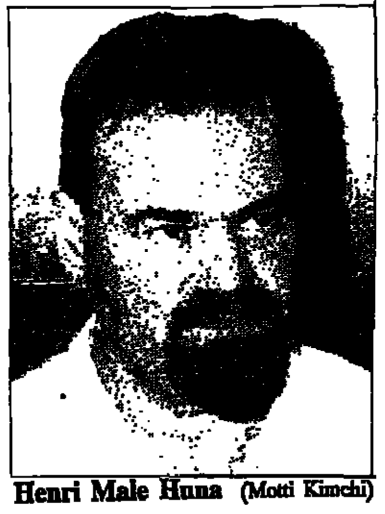
Not only women fell under his spell, said police. He also befriended men, before allegedly defrauding them out of thousands of dollars.

Tuvia Sa'ar, former head of the IBA, was also reportedly swindled out of several thousand dollars. Another man, lent Huna $3,000 after he said money was on its way from France. He allegedly repaid them with bad checks.

The case surfaced when Huna complained to police that his landlady had evicted him and had stolen his belongings. But the police had already received several complaints against him.

He mixed with ambassadors and the rich and famous. and was in possession of of a ticket to last week's peace signing agreement when he was arrested. Police said he is not a journalist and obtained his press card by false pretense.

They have confiscated several passports. and have contacted interpol to find out if he had committed similar crimes abroad.



Henri Male Huna (Motti Kimchi)

Technion signs satellite accord with Russians

DAVID RUDGE

THE Technion yesterday signed an agreement with a Russian space agency to launch the country's first-ever student satellite.

The satellite, named Gurwin1-TechSAT, was designed and built over a period of three years at a cost of $3.5 million. It is slated to be launched into space in March 1995, along with two other satellites, at a site about 900 km. from Moscow.

Putting the satellite into orbit, 700 km. above the earth, is expected to cost a further $250,000, which is being financed by New York businessman Joseph Gurwin through the auspices of the American Technion Society.

The agreement was signed between the Technion and the Russian STC Complex, which was established in 1991 to convert military technology into commercial civilian enterprises.

A five-member Russian delegation, headed by Gen. Yuri Solomonov, director and chief designer of STC, and Gen. Yuri Yashin, chief of the State Commission on Flight Test, has been visiting the Technion to finalize details of the agreement and take part in the signing ceremony.

The satellite project is the brainchild of astro-physicist Prof. Giora Shaviv, head of Aerospace Engineering at the Technion.

Hundreds of students have been involved in the project together with experts from 12 leading Israeli high-tech companies.

The communications satellite will be used as a relay station for amateur radio operators throughout the world.

It will also take measurements of ozone levels and track cloud formations, among other experiments.

Holon man gets life for killing estranged wife

RAINE MARCUS

A 42-YEAR-OLD man who murdered his wife with a 30 cm.-long lug wrench was sentenced to life imprisonment by the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday.

Ra'anan Shafek had waited for his estranged wife, Sarah Granit, 51 near her home in Holon last March, armed with the wrench. As she left for work, he leaped on her and beat her on the head and face.

Shafek even continued beating her when she slumped to the ground, and warned neighbors not to give her medical aid.

Granit died a hour later in hospital.

In his defense, Shafek told judges Edmond Levy, Devora Berliner and Nissim Yeshiyahu that he had not meant to kill his wife, but had merely hit her twice.

He had taken the lug wrench, he said, for self-defense.

His wife had cheated on him, he told the court, even when they were living together.

The judges rejected his claims that he had acted like an automaton because his anger at his wife had accumulated over the years.

"The defendant sat calmly after the murder drinking chocolate milk and cracking sunflower seeds," said the judges. "There is a great deal of difference between his behavior and that of an automaton."

The judges ruled that Shafek was in control of his faculties when he killed Granit and "sufficiently conscious of his surroundings and what was going on to take full responsibility for his actions."

Terrorism in peace era has less effect on tourism

GREER FAY CASHMAN

MANY Jewish organizations that have booked to come to Israel next year have expressed interest in traveling to Jordan as well, a wholesale tour operator disclosed yesterday.

Udi Goldschmidt, of Jerusalem- and Miami-based Mosaic Tours and Travel, said that one such group, the Hadassah National Board, has arranged for some 2,500 participants to spend three days and two nights in Jordan.

Goldschmidt was speaking at a news conference at the Sheraton Jerusalem Plaza Hotel, at which he announced a joint venture in Holy Land promotion in the US, between his company and National Travel and Tourism Services of Amman.

According to Goldschmidt, terrorism no longer thrusts tourism into a downward spin. The February massacre in the Cave of the Machpela was "devastating to tourism" he said, with reported drops of up to 60 percent in American visitors, but "there were hardly any cancellations" following the recent bus explosion in Tel Aviv and the shooting in downtown Jerusalem, "because the general atmosphere is peace."

(El Al's spokesman confirmed there have been few cancellations, partially because of the peace process, partially because "reactions are not immediate," and primarily because "Israel is an expensive destination and people have invested in down payments.")

Victor Azar, marketing director of the National group of companies, downplayed fears that the lure of Jordan could seriously reduce hotel occupancy here. Conceding that Jerusalem might lose room nights in the short term, Azar, who deals with the Christian pilgrimage market, was optimistic that "in the long term the whole area will experience a boom."

Sheraton general manager Raphy Weiner, who is also chairman of the Jerusalem Hotel Association, pointed out that "the trend today is to see more than one country, more than one city." His hotel will allow guests staying at least five nights to go to Jordan for an overnight stay, and keep their room in Jerusalem free of charge.

Because kosher food is not yet available in Jordan, Azar suggested that visitors can bring their own. Goldschmidt said he was certain the five-star Petra Plaza Hotel, scheduled to open in mid-1995, will be able to set aside a kitchen for kosher catering.

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Mozambique's Chissano appeals for post-poll calm

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MOZAMBICAN President Joaquim Chissano appealed yesterday for calm as unofficial results trickled in from the country's first elections since the end of a 16-year civil war.

While voting passed relatively peacefully, diplomats and analysts say the potential for violence is large in the impoverished nation as it tries to recover from civil war.

Some early unofficial results showed strong support for Chissano and his ruling Frelimo party. No information has emerged from central districts where the former rebel Renamo movement of Afonso Dhlakama is believed to have a big following.

Final results are not expected for two weeks, and political analysts stressed it was far too early to predict a solid trend, especially in the country's north and centre where Renamo has traditionally commanded support.

Chissano, in a front-page interview with the state-run Noticias newspaper, urged the nation to remain calm.

"I appeal to the public not to let yourselves be carried away by speculation which might lead to discouragement or to fears about your safety," he said.

Renamo fought the Frelimo government for 16 years following Mozambique's independence from Portugal in 1975, and Dhlakama caused consternation when he called for a boycott of the election just as voting was about to start last Thursday.

Dhlakama, who said the elections were rigged, later lifted the boycott after pressure from Mozambique's southern African neighbors.

State radio said the only information it had from Sofala province, Dhlakama's home area, was that there was a voting trend there towards him and his party.

Chissano and Frelimo would win easily in the capital Maputo and surrounding areas, according to Radio Mozambique.

"In your vote is the future of Mozambique," declared election billboards and posters. Many feel, however, that peace will take much more to emerge from a history of conflict.

Some 600,000 people died in the civil war up to the 1992 UN-monitored peace pact. But the country is a wreck, mistrust and bitterness linger, and foreign aid keeps it all afloat.

The future is in fact in the hands of the civil war enemies – Chissano and his Frelimo, and Renamo, the Mozambique Resistance Movement – the former rebels.

But it is also up to the United Nations and Western governments, who have underwritten the peace process and the election. The West got drawn in because Frelimo's former Marxist-Leninist stance led the white-led governments in what was Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, and South Africa to back the rightist Renamo.

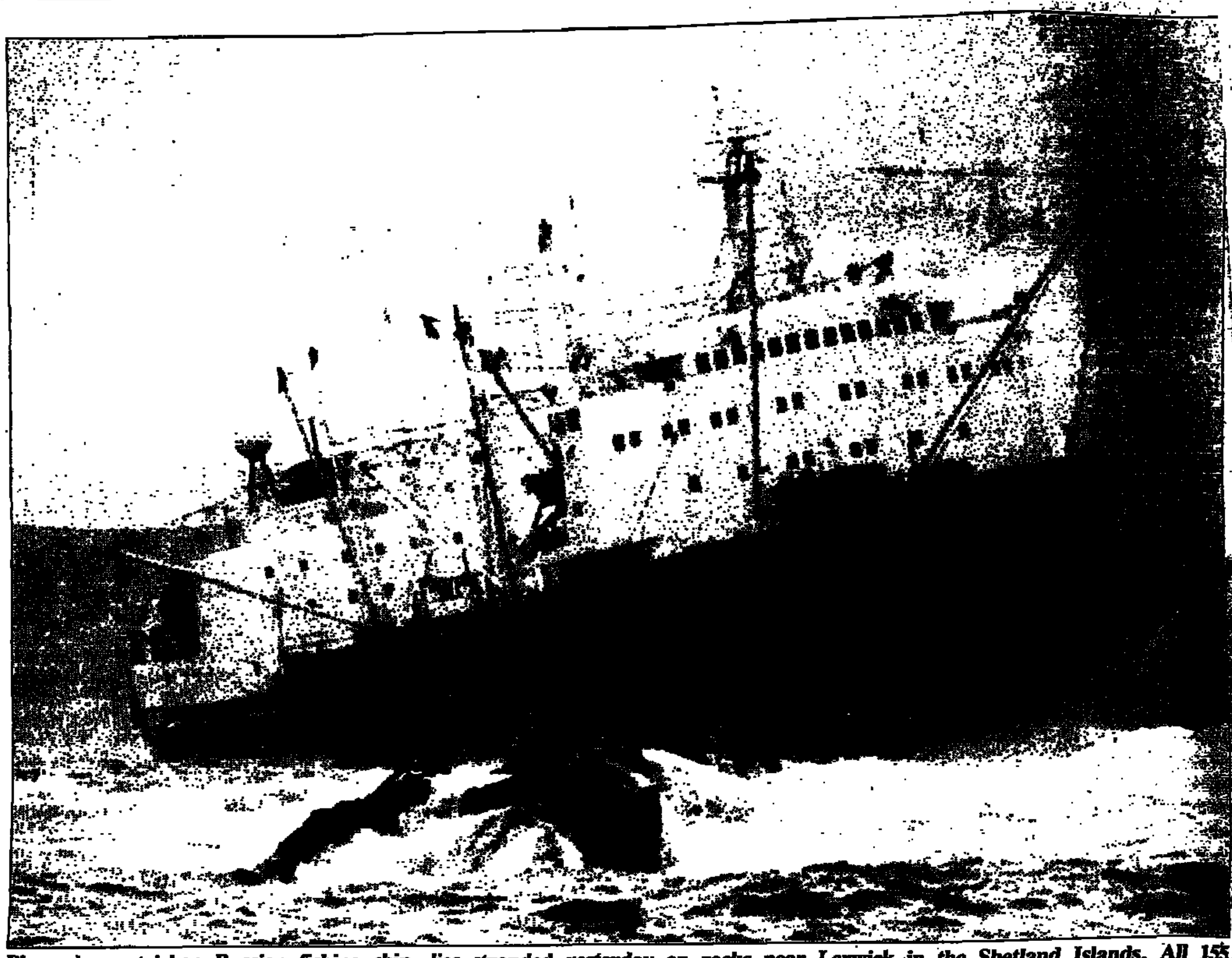
Frelimo and Renamo are expected to sweep the 250-seat parliament, with Renamo in the opposition.

"They promised change. We'll have to wait and see," said Jose Massunguine, an 18-year-old Maputo student, who joined the crowds of voters on the first of three days of balloting, which ended Saturday.

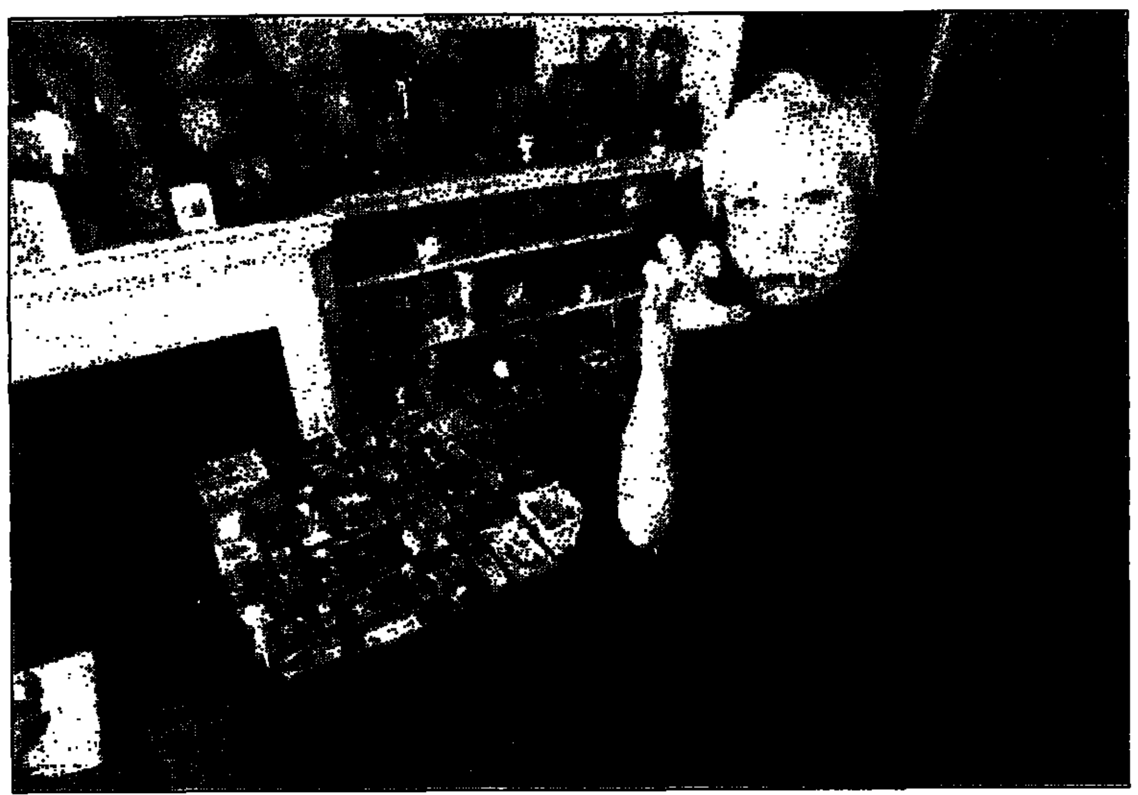
More than 80 percent of the 6.3 million registered voters cast ballots.

Mozambique's fertile soil produces cashews, sugar cane, cotton and tea. But most roads are impassable, rail lines and bridges targeted by Renamo remain damaged, and land mines from both sides remain strewn about.

Electricity and telephones fail to reach much of the countryside.



Pionersk, a stricken Russian fishing ship, lies stranded yesterday on rocks near Lerwick in the Shetland Islands. All 155 crewmen were rescued after the ship ran aground during a gale while harvesting fish north of Scotland. (AP)



Jeanne Youngson, curator of the Dracula Museum, a two-room apartment on New York's Fifth Avenue, relaxes among her exhibits. The museum, it is said, has enough memorabilia to curdle the blood of even the most devoted Dracula fan. (AP)

Western tourists kidnapped in New Delhi

ARTHUR MAX

NEW DELHI

A MILITANT group said yesterday it kidnapped three Britons and an American and threatened to behead them unless jailed comrades are released.

Hours after the kidnap claim was received, police said the American was found near New Delhi chained to an iron post and was unharmed.

The hostage, identified as Bela Joseph Nuss, told police he had been kidnapped 10 days before, said spokesman S.K. Singh.

The kidnappers, who said they belonged to a group based in the tribal areas of Afghanistan, said they would execute the hostages unless their jailed comrades were released.

The British Broadcasting Corp. and Voice of America received letters containing the kidnapping claim, accompanied by photographs of the hostages being held at gunpoint.

"Our hostages are as yet unhurt," the letter to the VOA said. "Unless our brothers are released, our Western hostages, the guests of the Indian government, will be beheaded one at a time."

The BBC and VOA said the photographs were accompanied by photocopies of the men's passports.

In the note to VOA, the group identified itself as Al Hadid, which it said was based in the tribal areas of Afghanistan, VOA bureau chief Michael Drudge said. The note listed 10 people whom it wanted released in exchange for the hostages.

The hostages were seized in New Delhi and were being held "somewhere in India," the note said.

Officials said they had not previously heard of Al Hadid, but five of the men whose freedom they sought were from militants groups fighting in the northern province of Kashmir.

One photograph showed three hostages sitting cross-legged on the floor with a masked man pointing an assault rifle at them from behind. A fifth man held up an Indian newspaper dated Oct. 26, Drudge said.

The second photograph showed one man with a gunman aiming a pistol at the back of his head.

All the men appeared to be in their 20s or early 30s.

Nuss, of Walnut Creek, Ca., was released in a police raid on a house in Ghaziabad, an industrial city about 25 kilometers (15 miles) west of New Delhi Police spokesman Singh.

Singh said police saw a man fleeing over a back wall of the house where they had previously noticed "suspicious activity." They broke in and found Nuss chained by his leg.

The BBC identified two of the Britons as Paul Ridout, from Dorset, Miles Croston from Buckinghamshire and Rhys Partridge, of Suffolk.

The British Foreign Office in London said the kidnappers were separatist Kashmiri militants.

Moslem militants in the disputed northern province of Kashmir kidnapped two Britons in July, but released them unharmed after 17 days after dropping demands for the release of jailed militants.

At least three militants on the list given to news organizations yesterday had also been on the list of imprisoned militants whose release was demanded last July, said a spokesman for the Kashmir government, I. Ramamohan Rao.

Al Hadid is not among the major Moslem groups fighting for the secession of Kashmir, India's only Moslem-majority state, from predominantly Hindu India.

Officials from the US Embassy and British High Commission said they were in touch with Indian authorities but declined further comment. (AP)

Mark Thatcher denies getting rich from deals

LONDON (Reuter) – Mark Thatcher, son of former British prime minister Margaret Thatcher, has denied being a fabulously wealthy arms industry fixer cruising through life on the reputation of his famous mother.

In a rare newspaper interview, he said in yesterday's edition of the *Financial Times:* "It would be significantly wrong to conclude that I am worth more than five million pounds ($8.2 million).

"There is nothing to support it apart from innuendo. The whole idea that I have had tremendous success is just a myth.

"If I had tremendous success I would not be running around trying to do the things that I am doing. I would be sitting on my own private island in the South Pacific, but I am not."

Just how 41-year-old Thatcher finances his jet-set life has been a matter of rumour, innuendo and huge interest to Britain's media for a decade. He left Britain in the mid-1980s for the United States to escape press attention.

The *Sunday Times* tried to lift the veil of secrecy recently with allegations that Thatcher earned 12 million pounds ($20 million) for helping secure a 20 billion pound ($31.82 billion) arms deal with Saudi Arabia, signed by his mother, in 1985.

But Mark Thatcher said his friendship with Syrian-born financier Wafic Said had not netted him a commission.

"Merely because I know this man does not mean to say that he is going to pay me 12 million pounds because I am a nice guy," Thatcher told the *Financial Times*.

Britain's opposition Labour Party, attempting to extract maximum pain from the allegations for the ruling Conservatives, has demanded a government inquiry into the affair. Mark Thatcher has already denied receiving commission from the deal.

Mark, a millionaire with houses on three continents, has come a long way since his mother became Britain's first woman prime minister in 1979 and the doors to power and political entree were thrown open.

The *Financial Time* analysed Mark Thatcher's American business interests and found "little evidence of significant earnings from his US activities".

Halloween turns violent in US

AMERICAN Halloween celebrations got off to an ominous start when man hit by an egg stabbed a 12-year-old boy to death in New York and 2,000 people stampeded in an Illinois college town.

Six youths were playing a Halloween egg-throwing game Saturday night when two passers-by were inadvertently hit, police said. They beat and stabbed Pedro Ramos to death.

Robert Delgado, 20, was arrested on an assault charge. Police sought a second man for the stabbing.

In Carbondale, Ill., a crowd was trying to make its way to the Southern Illinois University football stadium during a street party and when police blocked the way and threatened to use tear gas unless revelers dispersed.

After a five-minute standoff, the crowd ran downtown and divided into smaller mobs that ran through alleys as police officers chased them, spraying tear gas and swinging billy clubs.

Nearly 60 people were arrested, most on charges of illegal possession or consumption of alcohol, and two cars were overturned.

Crowds have gathered in the city's streets to celebrate Halloween for years. The city has responded by closing bars early and the university has banned campus parties.

"What's the fun?" university President John Guyon said. "I've been looking at this for 20 years, and there is nothing positive about this event."

Traditionally in the United States, Halloween is celebrated on Oct. 31 when children dress up in goulish costumes and go door-to-door asking for candy or threatening practical jokes with the cry: "Trick or treat?"

Oct. 30, known as Devil's Night and a time for mischief, has degenerated in some cities into rampages of violence and arson.

At Halloween street celebrations in Athens, Ohio, police issued 107 tickets for underage drinking and made 210 arrests, many for disorderly conduct late Saturday and early Sunday. The city closed off three blocks downtown. Nice weather contributed to a crowd exceeding 30,000, police said.

Detroit, the site of some of the worst Devil's Night fires in the early 1980s, has been relatively calm in recent years as volunteers have patrolled the streets and watched over abandoned buildings.

The city had a 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew and there were no immediate reports of more fires than the 60 the city averages each night.

Pope names 30 new cardinals

VATICAN CITY (AP) – Pope John Paul II has named 30 new cardinals, including large contingents from Latin America and former Communist countries and the first-ever cardinal from Sarajevo.

The pope's naming of Vinko Puljic as cardinal from Sarajevo reflects his long support for the besieged Bosnian capital, which he had hoped to visit Sept. 8.

The Polish pope also conferred the honor for the first time on churchmen from Belarus and Albania. Those choices along with the naming of a Czech cardinal represent an opening to the former Communist countries of the east. He also named cardinals from Vietnam and Cuba, the first-ever there under leader Fidel Castro.

Baltimore archbishop William Keeler and Adam Maida of Detroit were the Americans selected. The pope had planned to visit Keeler's archdiocese this month during a US visit, which was postponed due to health problems.

He also named Jan Schotte, a Belgian who heads the bishops synod. The multilingual Schotte, who has close contacts with cardinals and bishops around the world, is considered close to the pope.

With the announcement, the pope made a big step toward insuring that one of "his men" will be the next leader of the world's 950 million Catholics.

By the official ceremony Nov. 26, John Paul will have filled the 24 openings in the 120-member body of cardinals eligible to choose his successor, and will have named 103 of the 120 in 16 years of his papacy.

Many of those men are in his image as a conservative dedicated to social justice.

Cardinals must be under 80 to vote; there are 22 openings now, but two cardinals will have reached 80 by the consistory, as the ceremony is called.

The cardinals named, an unusually large batch, were the most chosen by John Paul but not the largest group in recent times.

Among those named were archbishops Jaime Lucas Ortega Y Alamino of San Cristobal de La Habana, Cuba; Paul Joseph Pham Dinh Tung of Hanoi; and Kazimierz Swiatek, of Minsk, Belarus, who spent nearly 10 years in Soviet prisons.

The pope elevated to cardinal Juan Sandoval Iniguez, archbishop of Guadalajara, whose predecessor, Juan Jesus Posadas Ocampo, was murdered in a shootout between drug traffickers May 23, 1993.

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French chateau in England has wine buffs drooling

ALAN WHEATLEY

WADDESDON

THEY are cousins but rivals, these Rothschilds, like the two great Bordeaux vineyards they own.

But Lord Jacob of the English arm of the famous family of financiers, and Baroness Philippine from the French wing, have overcome any mistrust to assemble one of the finest collections of Rothschild family wines in the world.

Some 11,000 bottles of Lord Rothschild's personal reserve from Chateau Lafite nestle alongside 3,000 bottles of the baroness's from adjoining Chateau Mouton-Rothschild in the cellars of Waddesdon Manor, a French-style Rothschild palace built last century near Aylesbury, an hour north of London.

Rothschild wines from Portugal, Chile and California complement the great French clarets.

"It's unique to have all these wines under a Rothschild roof," says Ben Howkins, the manor's wine consultant. "The object is to create the cellar of a rich gentleman."

And rich Lord Rothschild certainly is.

English scion of a family that traces its roots to the Jewish ghetto of Frankfurt in 1744, he has pumped some 20 million pounds ($32 million) of his own money into restoring century-old Waddesdon even though the house is now owned by the National Trust, a government-owned charity.

The face-lift of the manor, commissioned by Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild in 1874 and modelled after the majestic chateaux in France's Loire valley, has become the most extensive refurbishment of an English country estate in recent times.

Waddesdon, recently reopened to the public, is a wine buff's delight.

Its elegant brick vaults hold vintages of Lafite – ranked the first of the four first growths (premiers crus) in the 1855 Bordeaux classification – dating back to 1870, two years after the vineyard was bought by Baron James Rothschild.

Britain's first prime minister, Sir Robert Walpole, imported casks of Lafite directly from Bordeaux in the early 18th century, as did the future King George II.

One historic bottle, now empty, is from 1787. It bears the initials of Thomas Jefferson, the second US president.

The selection of Mouton, which officially became the fifth Bordeaux premier cru in 1973, features a present from Baroness Philippine of six rare bottles from 1867 to 1896.

Visitors can also admire a display of the distinctive labels, painted by artists such as Picasso, Dali and Chagall, that have adorned Mouton-Rothschild bottles since 1945.

The manor itself, set in a sprawling park and gardens, is an acquired taste, according to critics.

Robert Simon, the editor of *Apollo Magazine*, calls Waddesdon a bizarre fantasy, a pleasure dome with a perilous similarity to seaside hotel architecture.

"It is packed with sensational treasures, furniture, tapestries, pictures and panelling, purchased promiscuously throughout Europe, with a special predilection for anything French, the more elaborately carved and gilded the better," he wrote in the *Financial Times*.

"Not a single member of my family had any taste whatsoever," Simon quotes Miriam Rothschild, a gardening adviser to heir to the throne Price Charles, as saying.

Still, to the untrained eye, the palatial house is not without its charms.

Portraits by English masters Gainsborough and Reynolds look down on priceless carpets commissioned by Louis XIV for the grand gallery of the Louvre Palace.

A petite writing table used by Marie-Antoinette is here; as is elegant wooden panelling from the Paris home of the Duc de Richelieu and Sevres porcelain never shown before in public.

When the Shah of Persia came to Waddesdon, he was angered to find that the Prince of Wales was not among the guests, and it was only an elaborate musical automaton in the form of an elephant, now on the ground floor, that kept him amused.

Simon said the manor – "a crazily romantic fiction of a French chateau" – was assuming a more coherent shape under Lord Rothschild's guidance.

But he added: "Let's be frank. Waddesdon is anything but a model of good taste." (Reuter)

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White House shooting assailant thought he might be killed

News agencies
WASHINGTON

AN ex-convict accused of spraying the White House with bullets is refusing to talk, but Clinton administration officials say a handwritten note suggests he thought he might die in the assault.

Francisco Martin Duran, 26, of Colorado Springs, Colo., was scheduled to be arraigned yesterday before a federal magistrate in Washington. He was charged Sunday with willfully damaging federal property and possessing a firearm as a convicted felon.

Two bystanders tackled the gunman moments after he fired several shots through the White House fence.

Secret Service sharpshooters on the White House roof apparently had the gunman in their sights as he aimed the volley of shots but chose not to fire, a top administration official said yesterday.

"Sharpshooters had him in their sights but they were concerned about hitting innocent citizens," White House chief of staff Leon Panetta said on NBC television's "Today" programme.

Panetta, who was in his office during the incident, said on ABC television's "Good Morning America" program "it was a miracle that no one was injured."

The felony charges carry a maximum combined penalty of 20 years in jail and $15,000 in fines.

The Secret Service held out the possibility that additional charges could be filed, including attempted assassination of the president.

Administration and law enforcement officials said the investigation had so far uncovered no clear motive or direct threat against Clinton.

President Clinton, who was inside the White House watching a televised football game when the shots were fired, was not in danger, the service said.

Two officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a handwritten note was recovered from Duran's truck after his arrest. A senior administration official said the note outlined how Duran would want his affairs handled if he died, a document the official called "closer to a will than a suicide note."

Officials believe Duran expected a confrontation.

Duran telephoned his family after he disappeared Sept. 30 and said he was never coming back and might be dead soon, according to Joe Gordon, agent in charge of the Colorado Springs office of the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

"They didn't understand what he meant by that, and they were very worried about it," Gordon told the Rocky Mountain News. "He made the statement to his family on the phone that he might be dead by one family member's birthday, which was within the last few days."

At the White House, the Secret Service yesterday re-opened the north lawn of the White House – dotted with small yellow flags where bullets had torn into the grass – to White House television crews.

Authorities revealed, meanwhile, that a shotgun and ammunition were found during a search of Duran's truck in Washington.

Described by his neighbors as a quiet man who regularly wore camouflage fatigues, Duran spent more than two years in a military prison after he was convicted in March 1991 on charges of aggravated assault with a vehicle, drunk and disorderly conduct, drunken driving and leaving the scene of an accident.

He was dishonorably discharged and released in September 1993.

Duran's truck, seized not far from the White House, bore bumper stickers with pro-gun slogans including: "Fire Butch Reno," an apparent reference to Attorney General Janet Reno, and "Those who beat their guns into plows will plow for those who don't."

The shooting left eight pockmarks scattered across the White House facade, including three at the mansion's living quarters.

Serbs, Moslems battle in northwest Bosnia

SARAJEVO (Reuter) – Bosnian Serb and Moslem forces battled for territory in northwest Bosnia yesterday and UN peacekeepers expected fighting to intensify as the rebel Serbs sought revenge for setbacks.

Moslem-led Bosnian government forces closed in on the town of Trnovo, south of Sarajevo, which controls access to a besieged Moslem enclave in the east, the UN said.

Serb troops have sealed access to battlefields around the Moslem-held Bihac region to the northwest, turning peacekeepers into distant onlookers with sketchy access to hard military intelligence.

But UN sources said troops of the government army's Fifth Corps were suspected to be thinly stretched after capturing a swathe of terrain from Serbs who were preparing a counter offensive.

Serb forces are smarting after suffering their worst defeat in 31 months of war during which their superiority in tanks and heavy artillery secured control of 70 percent of Bosnia.

Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic put a brave face on the military reverses, declaring that a state of war he had announced in the area was producing "excellent results".

"I am satisfied with the response of the soldiers, their constantly growing morale and exceptional support for the people," the Bosnian Serb news agency quoted him as saying.

The leader of Serbs in neighbouring Croatia, Milan Martic, warned the Bosnians they could expect a riposte.

"One little battle does not mean final victory. The situation will change. There will be a counter-attack for sure," he told Reuters.

Moslem forces overwhelmed the Serbs in the northwest with a snap offensive from Bihac last week. UN spokesman Tim Spicer said they had now taken 250 sq km of territory from the Serbs.

The Yugoslav news agency Tanjug quoted Bosnian Serbs as saying the Fifth Corps' advance had been halted and that 24 Moslem soldiers were killed near Bihac on Sunday.

The Bihac Press Agency said that government forces were continuing their thrust into Serb-held territory towards the town of Sanski Most.

"Today, we have liberated another 30 sq km," agency journalist Sandi Zulic added.

Zulic said there were casualties when the Bihac town of Velika Kladusa was hit yesterday by shelling from the rebel Republic of Serb Krajina in neighbouring Croatia.

He reported a pause in attempts by the Fifth Corps to take Serb-held Bosanska Krupa where the Moslems are reported to have encircled less than a brigade of Bosnian Serb army defenders.

UN spokesman Paul Risley confirmed that the town had not changed hands but added: "We are fearful there will be further fighting there as either side is likely to attack or counter attack in the next few days."

Bosanska Krupa, whose Serb civilians were evacuated ahead of the expected battle, would be the first major Serb town to fall to the Moslems if they succeed in capturing it.

Serb military and political leaders have joined several thousand refugees from the fighting in the town of Bosanski Petrovac south of the Bihac pocket.

Karadzic, president of the self-proclaimed Bosnian Serb republic, wore military uniform in public for the first time since the war started when he vowed to refugees that the Moslems would be thrown back.

The Fifth Corps' offensive is a challenge to the Bosnian Serbs to show that their fighting capacity has not be damaged by the loss of military aid from Yugoslavia.

Serbia's President Slobodan Milosevic cut his former Bosnian Serb allies adrift in August when they spurned an international peace plan.

Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic (pointing) rallies supporters yesterday in the town of Bosanski Petrovac, held by the Serbs. Karadzic told the rally, 'Our enemy wants war and he shall have it.' (AP)

'Asteroids crash on Earth' TV hoax draws complaints

NEW YORK (Reuter) – A fictional news broadcast showing gigantic asteroids crash-landing on Earth took Americans by surprise on Sunday, with TV viewers jamming CBS switchboards to find out if their world was coming to an end.

"The calls are coming in. They want to know if it's real," said Rob Feiner, an editing supervisor at the network's New York affiliate.

Entitled *Without Warning*, the programme attributed fictional reports of global disaster to news outlets such as Reuters and the Associated Press and showed scenes of panic and death on the ground, massive tie-ups in the skies above the United States and the collapse of the world's stock markets.

The broadcast was shown a day before the spooky Halloween holiday, and appeared inspired by Orson Welles' famous October 30, 1938, radio dramatisation of H.G. Wells' *War of the Worlds*, which sent hundreds of Americans into a panic with its portrayal of a Martian invasion of Earth.

Switchboards were jammed at the CBS network as the television production, hosted by veteran newsman Sander Vanocur, showed "live" reports from disaster sites in Europe, Asia and the United States.

CBS spokesman Tom Goodman said the network had acted responsibly by airing frequent disclaimers.

But others said there may not have been sufficient warning and that viewers calling into a CBS hot line were unsure whether the reports of global disaster and nuclear holocaust were true.

"They're not putting up enough disclaimers, and on a Sunday night you have a better chance of getting through to the Pope," said Feiner.

As CBS broadcast scenes of US F-16 fighter jets scrambling into the skies to fire nuclear missiles at incoming asteroids, a staffer at the CBS news desk in Washington said viewers were complaining.

The network repeatedly aired a message telling viewers that "none of what you are seeing is actually happening," but a bona fide news presenter later told viewers at the start of the late-evening news programme that *Without Warning* "may have confused some viewers".

"Now, here's the real news," he said.

Disappointed Brittan to stay at EU

LUXEMBOURG (Reuter) – Sir Leon Brittan said yesterday he would stay on at the European Commission next year despite being stripped of the responsibility for integrating Central and Eastern Europe into the EU.

Brittan made his announcement at a news conference after taking a leading role in a landmark meeting between six foreign ministers from the region and the European Union, the start of a dialogue intended to bring them into the Western bloc.

An ironic twist of the calendar scheduled those talks less than 48 hours after the meeting which shared out portfolios in the new EU executive that takes office in January, headed by the current Luxembourg Prime Minister Jacques Santer.

After a bitter debate on Saturday, Santer decided to hand the East European portfolio to former Dutch Foreign Minister Hans van den Broek, who has negotiated EU membership with Austria, Finland, Norway and Sweden over the last two years.

Brittan said he was disappointed but the remainder of his portfolio – control over trade policy, relations with industrialised nations and parts of Asia including Japan and China – represented "an important and very major challenge."

He added that the Commission offered him the best platform to take part in the debate over the future of the EU and argue for an open, free-trading and non-interventionist Europe.

He also wanted to participate in the debate within his own country about Britain's role in the EU and press the case for it to be at the heart of Europe.

"I have therefore decided to stay on at the Commission," he said.

Santer invited Brittan to what he called a "friendly and cordial" meeting yesterday afternoon to discuss the situation and there was a chorus of voices from both within and beyond the EU urging him to stay.

Among them was US Trade Representative Mickey Kantor, Brittan's principal antagonist during last year's Uruguay Round negotiations for a world trade deal, who wrote to him yesterday praising his achievements.

"Your continued role in pursuing a wide trade agenda is critical if we are to accomplish our mutual goals in the World Trade Organisation...I personally believe that your continuing leadership is an essential element of progress," Kantor said in his letter.

Bakhtiar murder trial opens

PARIS (Reuter) – Police tightened security in Paris yesterday ahead of the trial of nine men suspected of killing former Iranian prime minister Shapour Bakhtiar in a trail of death which French prosecutors say begins in Teheran.

Three Iranians, including a relative of President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, will be in the dock, and six others will be tried in absentia. All have denied involvement.

The month-long trial is bound to focus on whether Iran's Moslem fundamentalist rulers ordered the murder.

Fearing possible revenge attacks, police stepped up security at the capital's tourist sites, law courts and railway stations.

Bakhtiar, the late Shah's last prime minister before the 1979 Islamic revolution, was knifed to death with his secretary, Sorouch Katibeh, at his heavily-guarded exile home in the leafy Paris suburb of Suresnes on August 6, 1991.

French police guarding his house let in three Iranians, one of whom was a regular visitor and business associate, and only discovered the bodies, with their throats slit, 48 hours later, giving the killers plenty of time to make their getaway.

It was the most daring of dozens of killings of Iranian opponents over the last decade which Western security services blame on Teheran's ruling *mullahs*.

The Iranian government denied involvement, but investigating judge Jean-Louis Bruguiere, using a trail of clues carelessly scattered by the suspected assassins, believes he has traced the thread back to Iran.

The trial will be held behind a massive security screen at the Palais de Justice on Paris' central Ile de la Cite, in a special assize court consisting only of seven professional magistrates, to avoid danger to civilian jurors.

Bakhtiar's last visitors and suspected killers were Farydoun Boyerahmadi, a business associate believed to be a long-dormant Iranian agent, Mohammad Azadi and Ali Vakili Rad, both of whom arrived on the same flight from Teheran a few days earlier.

Only Vakili Rad was captured, walking without identity papers on the banks of Lake Geneva, and later extradited from Switzerland. The other two suspected killers escaped to Iran.

In September 1991, Paris police arrested 47-year-old Iranian businessman Massoud Hendi, a nephew of the late revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, and charged him with terrorist conspiracy and being an accomplice to murder.

Hendi, a former Iranian television bureau chief in Paris, is accused of having provided logistical support and forged French visas for the killers.

But the third man in the dock is the focus of greatest tension between Teheran and Paris. Zeynal Sarhadi, a great-nephew of Rafsanjani extradited from Switzerland in 1992, is accused of being the key link-man between the Iranian intelligence services and the assassins.

Cypriot talks deadlocked

NICOSIA (AP) – A fresh UN effort to break the deadlock in talks between Greek and Turkish Cypriots to reunify the divided east Mediterranean island ended in failure yesterday.

"We explored ways of moving forward, but unfortunately I can't give you any good news about what we have achieved," said Gustave Feisel, resident special representative of UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali.

He told reporters that President Glafcos Clerides, leader of the majority Christian Greeks, and Rauf Denktash, leader of the minority Moslem Turks, had been unable to agree on resuming the deadlocked talks.

Clerides and Denktash have held five "informal meetings" in Feisel's Nicosia home in his presence over the last two weeks seeking to resolve the long-standing deadlock.

Killers who ate victims receive death penalty

SEOUL (AP) – Six members of a crime gang charged with murdering five people and eating their victim's flesh were found guilty yesterday and sentenced to death.

The kidnapping and murders shook the nation when the gang was caught in September, and has inspired a few unsuccessful copycat kidnappings and crimes.

"The death penalty is unavoidable when considering the shock and ruin felt by the nation as a whole and the pain of the families," presiding Judge Lee Kwang-yol of Seoul Criminal Court told a packed courtroom.

When caught, gang members said they wanted to make a point against the disparity of wealth, and were planning on killing as many rich people as possible.

The victims were chosen for their expensive cars, they said.

Several of the victims were chopped up and burned in a basement furnace, and one of the gang members confessed to eating the flesh of his victims, "to build courage."

Lee Kyong-suk, the only woman member of the gang, received a suspended four-year sentence because she had not participated in the killings.

The court room was packed with about 300 spectators.

Neo-Nazis threaten Austrian school, publisher, church

VIENNA (AP) – Neo-Nazis who have unnerved Austria with a campaign of letter bombs issued new threats against a school and publisher of books for a minority, the Roman Catholic Church and leading political figures.

Lojze Wieser, publisher in the southern town of Klagenfurt of books for the Slovene minority, was quoted yesterday by the Austria Press Agency as saying that he had received a death threat in a hand-written letter that began with the Nazi salute "Sieg Heil!" and was marked with swastikas.

"You are first on our list," the news agency quoted the letter as saying. Among those it said were also on the list were the pope, President Clinton, Austrian Foreign Minister Alois Mock and rightist Joerg Haider, a populist who made big gains in this month's parliamentary elections.

An upsurge in right-wing activities has unsettled Austria, an Alpine country of about 8 million people, for almost a year. Last December, Vienna Mayor Helmut Zilk, a strong proponent of minority rights, lost part of his left hand when he opened a letter bomb. Three others with links to foreigners, or efforts to help them, were less severely injured.

Klagenfurt is located just north of the Austrian border with Slovenia, a former Yugoslav republic with a primarily Slavic population. There is a Slovene minority across the border in Austria.

Austrian newspapers also published over the weekend a copy of a letter sent to Slovene Foreign Minister Lojze Peterle, claiming responsibility for a bomb that exploded Aug. 24 at a Klagenfurt school providing bilingual education for the Slovene minority.

A police bomb expert trying to defuse that bomb lost both arms and two other officers were injured.

The letter to Wieser apparently was sent by supporters of Gottfried Kuessel, a leading neo-Nazi who was sentenced to 11 years in prison earlier this month.

The letter to the Slovene foreign minister Peterle claiming responsibility for the Aug. 24 bomb included a defense of the use of the German language in the Klagenfurt area and new warnings to the school, parents, students and staff, and the Roman Catholic Church. It said the church had assisted bilingual education.

Haider, the populist politician, made big gains in the Oct. 9 elections, which saw the decline of Austria's two leading parties – the Social Democrats and conservative People's Party.

US politicians promise war on crime

WASHINGTON (Reuter) – The US prison population, already by far the highest of any industrial nation, is set to explode as politicians respond to strong public calls for harsher punishment of criminals.

Virtually every politician running for office in the November 8 elections, whether on a local, statewide or federal level, promises to be tough on criminals.

Many are pledging to abolish parole and work release programmes, build new prisons, especially high security facilities, and speed up death penalty procedures.

Some, like Republican George Bush, running for governor of Texas, also favor opening boot camps for young offenders, using military barracks or tents as temporary prisons and punishing juveniles 16 years or younger as adults.

The few politicians still prepared to call themselves liberals are dismayed. Black leader Jesse Jackson last week bemoaned what he called the "sell-out" of his own Democratic Party, saying the 1994 campaign was "all about who can lock people up the longest and quickest and spend the most money doing it."

Many politicians' promises are made without telling voters how much their plans would cost. For example, when New York Republican George Pataki unveiled a four-point anti-crime programme earlier this month, he was unable to say how many offenders would be affected by his proposal to abolish parole or how expensive it would be.

"What he's doing is extending the so-called get-tough approach that has been tried in New York and virtually every other state in the past 20 years to use more imprisonment and more incarceration as a way to control crime," said Bob Gangi, head of the Correctional Association of New York.

"It hasn't worked," he added.

According to Justice Department figures released last week, the US state and federal prison population topped one million for the first time last June, a threefold increase over 1980.

In the first six months of this year the US prison population grew by 1,500 a week. The United States had an incarceration rate more than four times that of Canada, five times that of Britain and 14 times that of Japan.

Yet crime rates have hardly shifted in recent years, according to FBI figures. If there has been any decline, it is only slight and people do not feel safer.

Partly, this is because television provides the public with a constant diet of horrific stories of murders, kidnapping and rapes – many of them incomprehensible acts of violence committed with no apparent motive.

But terrible things do happen in America today – mass murders on commuter trains, shooting sprees in shopping malls, gunmen running amok in offices and shopping malls, an 11-year-old child killing another child and then being executed gangland-style.

Last week the nation was transfixed by the drama of three-year-old Michael Smith and his 14-month-old brother, Alexander, innocent victims of a car theft. They were sitting in the back seat of a car last Tuesday when a man forced their mother out of the vehicle and drove off with the children.

No place seems safe. Last year, 750 workplace homicides were reported and there have been 34 killings in post offices in the past decade.

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Army fiasco in Lebanon

TSOMET leader MK Rafael Eitan is not a master of understatement. He favors melodramatic metaphors and hyperbole, and he tends to view all matters in black and white. But it is difficult to ignore the serious charges he made against the government on a radio program yesterday. The army, he asserted, has lost its fighting discipline; the government is neglecting Israel's northern front; and the absence of a full-time defense minister is harming Israel's ability to fight the war being waged against it in southern Lebanon.

The discussion was triggered by the disgraceful performance of an army unit in the Lebanon security zone on Saturday. The Hizbullah attackers managed to assault an Israeli stronghold in broad daylight, plant the Hizbullah flag at its entrance, and film a videotape of the whole operation.

The soldiers – better equipped and better armed than the attackers, and easily outnumbering them – hardly returned fire. Those who did missed their targets from a distance of 10 meters. Some cowered under cover, and none charged the attackers as they are trained to do. The Hizbullah gunmen withdrew at will, unscathed. Even then, the soldiers failed to give chase, or at least try to determine the attackers' line of retreat so that it could be shelled.

This shameful performance contrasted dramatically with previous IDF responses (in 1987, when the Hizbullah last tried to attack an army stronghold, it lost 28 gunmen), and with the conduct of the South Lebanese Army, which on the very same day repelled a similar Hizbullah attack, killing one gunman and wounding another.

For Hizbullah, the incident was an unprecedented, spectacular victory. The very fact that its soldiers could make a videotape – later shown on Lebanese as well as Israeli television – while attacking an Israeli stronghold, attests to their courage. That the Israelis are seen turning tail is not only a boost to the morale of the organization's members, but the most effective recruiting film they could ever dream of making. In can be taken for granted that the tape will be shown throughout Lebanon and encourage similar attacks.

Outgoing OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai insisted yesterday that the failure was singular and exceptional. It should not reflect on the whole brigade and certainly not on the whole army, he said. Chances are the army will agree with him, and treat the matter routinely, as it has in the past. It will probably punish the soldiers and their officers, and perhaps slap the wrists of a few officers in charge of that particular segment of the front.

Yet it is difficult to accept such insouciance. The sad fact is that the case is far from exceptional. Earlier this year two soldiers were killed in Lebanon in circumstances which were also described as failure to charge the enemy. In the melee at the Erez checkpost near Gaza this year, in which Palestinian policemen fired at an IDF post, soldiers abandoned their positions.

A few weeks ago, soldiers received orders to retreat in the face of a Hamas riot near the village of Netzarim in the Gaza District. They left behind smoke and tear-gas grenades, which the rioters immediately used against them, and an Israeli flag the rioters joyously burned. There have been several similar, less publicized incidents.

A leading psychologist said on the radio yesterday that the reason for these symptoms of demoralization is that the soldiers are confused and unmotivated. The confusion comes from above, beginning with the political leadership, which describes the signing of peace agreements in such rosy terms that the thought of having to fight seems an anachronism.

No one wants to be the last to fall in a war which is "practically ended." With complete and comprehensive peace seemingly around the corner, the motivation is no longer the country's defense, but individual survival. The goal is to come out of the tour of duty unharmed.

The rules of engagement in Lebanon, unlike those in the territories, are clear enough. Unlike soldiers in Gaza, Samaria, and Judea, men serving in the North do not worry about being court-martialed for firing too soon. But the feeling is that withdrawal is imminent anyway. The land being defended is to be forfeited. Why risk one's life to defend it?

Even more important, the government has decided not to take the offensive in Lebanon lest the peace negotiations be derailed. To be in a permanent defensive posture is demoralizing for any army. For the IDF, which has made being on the offensive and shifting the battleground to enemy territory its main fighting doctrine, it has a particularly insidious and dispiriting connotation.

As Eitan aptly put it, there is a war in southern Lebanon. It is a guerrilla war, a war of attrition. But it is a full-fledged war nonetheless. What causes it to be increasingly costly and disruptive is not just that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is a part-time defense minister. Nor is it merely the absence of good training and good field discipline. It is a neglected, festering wound, because the government refuses to admit to itself that the war exists, and it is even more reluctant to draw the necessary conclusions from the war being run by remote control from Damascus.

Soon after assuming power, Rabin pledged to pursue the peace process as if there were no terrorism, and pursue the war against terrorism as if there were no peace process. He has been meticulously faithful to the first half of the pledge. But he has obviously no intention of keeping the second.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

Sir, – The Rabin goverment is building a strategic policy for the state of Israel on the basis of pseudo-scientific claims. An example of such a wrong assumption is reflected in Foreign Minister Shimon Peres's repeated statement that that "improving the area's economy is the best means of dealing with the potential dangers to stability," and Prime Minister Rabin sees this leading to the end of the great danger of Islamic extremism.

The falseness of this thesis is demonstrated by the example of Iran. Iran was a country undergoing a great economic boom. Iran's Gross National Product doubled between 1962 and 1971. Oil prosperity financed investments in free education, improved health care, new universities, nuclear power stations, prefabricated housing, farm machinery and superhighways. And yet in 1979, the Shah departed and an Islamic Republic was founded under Ayatollah Khomeini.

But the Iranian government also ended the traditional subsidies to Moslem mullahs and conducted an anti-profiteering campaign against bazaar merchants. What brought about the Islamic Republic was the resulting merchant-clergy alliance and not economic deprivation.

Professional sociologists have established that deprivation by itself does not bring about violence. The individual who is most likely to become violent is one who considers himself "relatively deprived" in comparison to a key reference group. Thus an improving economy can lead to greater alienation as groups see their economic or social advance to be less than others in the society.

Significant groups of Palestinian Arabs can feel disadvantaged within a prosperous local economy because of an inequitable social system. Other Palestinians will improve their economic situation but still compare themselves to the greater wealth of the Jewish population. An Arab standing on the hills of Samaria can see the lights of Tel Aviv and feel that this rightfully belongs to him. An Arab in Gaza looks over the fence and sees thriving kibbutzim.

Until the societies surrounding Israel are democratic, and their governments become responsive to all important groups, Israel can only prevent violence through a strong and united Israeli community.

It is the deterrent force that is being undermined by the Labor/Meretz government and can only result in increasing conflict in the years to come. We need a new government.

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MISTAKEN POLICY

Sir,– The country now suffers a self-inflicted hell; as the wave of terror mounts, so does the determination of the government to "succeed" in the peace negotiations at any price. However, the government's claim that freezing the negotiations will constitute a victory for the terrorists is a mistake; this is slogan yet to be proven.

1. There is already ample proof that our concessions encourage terrorism, which rises as the process moves ahead. The current policy seems to amplify rather than arrest this tendency.

2. Terrorism is on the increase because not only Iran, but Arafat and Assad encourage, support and exploit it, so as to squeeze more concessions from Israel.

3. Both Arafat and Assad need a peace agreement, and urgently, because of their political and more importantly, economic, situation and the need to enhance their international status.

4. The only way to put an end to terrorism – contrary to the government's position – is to quit the talks until Arafat amends the Palestinian Covenant and both he and Assad stop supporting the terror movements.

For the sake of the future of Israel, our government ought to suspend the talks and end its suicidal concessions, so as to emphasize that it does not bow to terrorism. The grave mistakes the government is now committing remind me the tragic errors of Munich, 56 years ago.

RENE WEIL
Jerusalem.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CATS AND HUMANS

Sir, – As a regular reader of *The Jerusalem Post* and a native English speaker, I was a very disappointed that your newspaper made no mention whatsoever of a recent visit and a lecture given in Tel Aviv by the prestigious Dr. Dennis Turner of the Institute for Ethology and Psychology in Zurich.

Dr. Turner paid his first visit to Israel to lecture on the outcome of his years of research on the topic of the relationship between cats and humans. It is not a frequent occurrence for an overseas professor to visit Israel and lecture on such an unusual topic and it strikes me as a great pity that the English-speaking residents of this country, who are also your paper's readers, are not kept in the picture by their national paper on such events. *Yediot Aharonot, Davar* and *Al Hamishmar*, in addition to the radio, covered this event. Why should the Hebrew-speaking public be made aware of this and *Jerusalem Post* readers be kept in the dark?

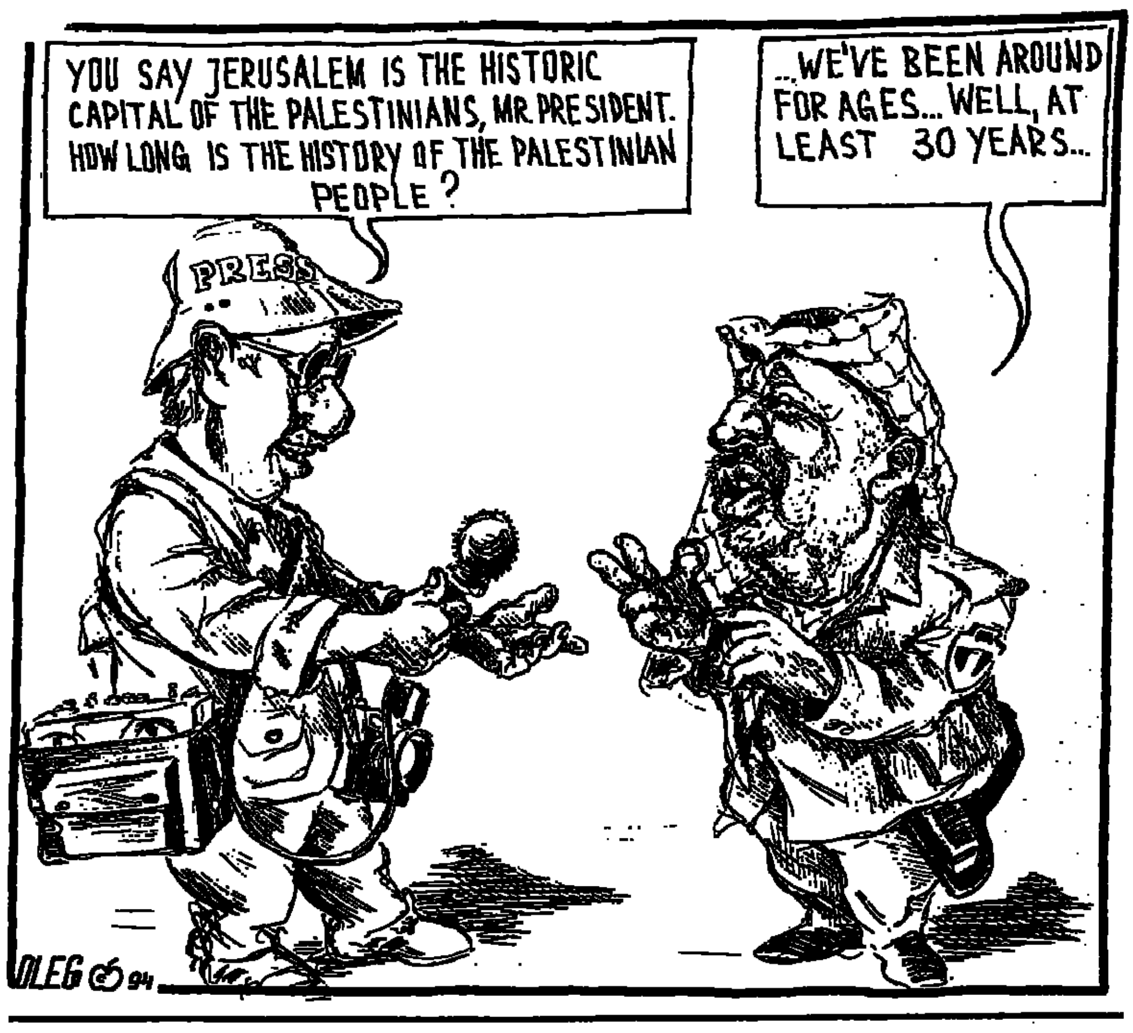
DOREEN BLISS
Tel Aviv.

THE RULE OF MAPAI

Sir, – That the ruling Mapai party maintained an iron grip on Israel for the first 30 years is a well-known fact. Sraya Shapiro has rendered a service by spelling out how rigid was this ideological reign of terror in which a small group of self-appointed apparatchiks ruthlessly destroyed any member who dared to question the accepted wisdom of our infallible leaders ("Maintaining a good image," October 16).

Power corrupts. Absolute power corrupts absolutely. We who lived through the '40s, '50s and '60s were aware just how closely Big Brothers and one Big Sister watched us. I can never forget Golda's consternation at the results of the 1977 election when Mapai was finally ousted. "After all we did for them [the people], this is how they repay us!" She was never able to grasp that in a democracy, there can be no we-they relationships. It is something that the general who heads the successor party to Mapai would do well to remember.

Jerusalem. *L.E. EZER*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The Golan referendum

YOSEF GOELL

AFTER President Clinton's visit to the Middle East last week, the US administration and Israel's government will be driven to extraordinary lengths to effect a breakthrough in the talks with Syria's Hafez Assad sometime before next summer. If there is no breakthrough, the talks will collapse entirely, given the countdowns to the US and Israeli elections in 1996.

This should lend added urgency to preparations for a referendum on any agreement with Syria that calls for Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

Yitzhak Rabin has committed himself to such a referendum. But no issue has been submitted to referendum in Israel before, and there is no legislation governing such a radical departure.

Last week, I attended a conference, sponsored by the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, on what Israel can learn from American and European experiences with referenda. My conclusion was that we should separate the Golan referendum from constitutional legislation on adopting the procedure as an additional democratic tool.

The founders of modern European and American representative democratic systems generally looked askance at circumventing elected parliaments and governments by submitting controversial issues to popular referendum.

It is true that, in their plebiscitary form, referenda have often been misused by dictators, and even by autocratic elected leaders like Charles de Gaulle.

But Switzerland and many American states exemplify a positive use of referenda. And recent polls on the European Union's Maastricht Treaty argue favorably for using referenda even on foreign policy issues.

But many questions remain.

Who should be empowered to initiate a referendum: the government, a majority or even large minority of parliament, or even, as in Switzerland, a popular petition by 100,000 voters?

Who should phrase the question?

How long should campaigns be, and how should equal opportunity and TV time be allotted to supporters and opponents?

What should the deciding majority be, and how long should a decision bind future governments and parliaments?

A special majority, yes. Keeping Israel's Arabs from voting, no.

SINCE THERE isn't enough time to conduct the meaningful debate which should form part of the preparation for a Golan referendum, ad hoc legislation would cover the referendum's minimal needs; simultaneously, more exhaustive considerations of a constitutional law for future referenda could proceed.

Once Israel resorts to a referendum, the institution will be here to stay – and that is all to the good. The problems that will undoubtedly emerge in the Golan referendum should help in formulating the final constitutional legislation.

But one issue cannot be postponed, and that is the size of the majority needed to decide the issue.

In this connection, a private member's bill currently in the works would require an extraordinary majority for ratifying any treaty with Syria. The sponsors make no secret of their intention: neutralizing the Arab vote. The assumption is that Israeli Arab voters, who constitute some 12 to 13 per cent of the electorate, will vote unanimously for total Golan withdrawal.

I have already identified myself as an opponent of withdrawal. But any proposal to stop Israel's Arab voters weighing in with their opinion should, to my mind, be rejected from the outset as an egregious assault on the foundations of Israeli democracy. Arabs have as much right to vote in such a referendum as they have to vote for the Knesset, and thus determine who governs Israel.

The basic test of a referendum should be whether it accords legitimacy to the decision taken by the people. Thus it is legitimate to argue the need for a special majority, such as a majority of the entire electorate, and not just of those voting; or for a certain minimum of those who take the trouble to vote.

But it is illegitimate to seek to exclude any part of the citizenry. Today it's the Arabs; tomorrow, it may be another group.

Whatever decision is taken on the extent of the majority required in the Golan vote should apply to all future referenda.

The writer comments on public affairs.

Problem with peacekeepers

STEPHEN S. ROSENFELD

WITH President Clinton having now taken the very hard road to Damascus, it is late in the day, but still essential to review a particular item he brought there, and to Jerusalem as well. This would be an American commitment to help keep the peace that is meant to emerge if Israel and Syria agree on the terms by which the Golan Heights go back to Syria.

It sounds brave and New Age: American soldiers in their own or perhaps UN helmets locking up the last strategic piece of the Arab-Israeli jigsaw. The momentum that such an offer could be expected to lend the peace process is what took the Clinton administration to this place, Secretary of Defense William Perry told reporters this week.

To get there, however, the administration had to clamber over some high hurdles. One, Perry indicated, was awareness of a historic Israeli interest in maintaining the option of pre-emptive attack in a crisis – an option that international forces might crimp.

A second was the "schism" between Israeli settlers and the government on what kind of settlement the country eventually wants. "In many ways, that's one of the biggest problems we would have in trying to enforce any kind of a peace agreement," said Perry. "It's reflected by [the question of] which direction you had to be protecting yourself from in the Golan." In fact, the American and Israeli debate – is there any debate in Syria? – goes to the tender core of post-Cold War regional stability.

The UN is in a phase on peacekeeping where its resources have been stretched thin, its capabilities often found wanting and its self-confidence much dimmed. Hence the impulse of Israel – whose arms, grit and friendship with America give it a rare opportunity for national choice – to shop for something better.

In these times of selective American taste for new foreign entanglements, one would be surprised to find much interest, either at home or abroad, in an American Golan role. The emphasis in official American peacekeeping policy now rests on Lite Interventions, operations that the US could slip out of fairly quickly and easily if trouble arose. This would seem to be the precise opposite of the constancy and predictability that effective peacekeeping in the Mideast requires.

American soldiers as part of the Arab-Israeli jigsaw? Think again

NONETHELESS, there is an evident market for American engagement.

Israel's government has set aside some part of the nation's traditional favor for direct military self-reliance. It seems ready for the company of American "monitors" on the Golan, the better apparently to persuade an uncertain Israeli public to make the requisite territory-for-peace exchange.

Syria is easier to figure. An American presence on the Golan promises it a measure of additional protection against Israeli military threat, and a filter of sorts against what is, for it, the hard requirement of broad contact with Israel.

Israelis and Syrians are entitled to their views. So are Americans. Some sensible thoughts come from the hardline Center for Security Policy in Washington; its report is signed by Richard Perle, a former Reagan Pentagon aide, and other military and civilian formers.

Debate the question now, the report urges, before an administration commitment hardens beyond the means of the public and Congress to affect it.

And note the difference from Sinai, where peacekeeping has been successfully uneventful for 15 years: the Golan is small, close, strategic and populated, and Syria's leader now, unlike Egypt's then, hasn't put his heart into peace.

A key finding on a sensitive issue often muffled: "The presence of US troops on the Golan would increase the likelihood of US opposition to pre-emptive military action by Israel, no matter how urgent or well advised. The standard American tendency to disapprove military action would be reinforced powerfully by solicitude for the US peacekeepers.

Hence, the effect of the US deployment might be the opposite of that intended: It could reduce fear of Israeli preemption among potential Arab aggressors."

The conclusion: "There is no mission or rationale for a US peace-keeping force on the Golan that would justify the resulting costs and risks... a deployment would increase the danger of direct US involvement in a future Middle East war and undermine Israel's standing with the US public as a self-reliant ally."

One can look at the institute that delivered this report partly as a Washington outpost of the Israeli opposition. But its cautions seem no less well-taken for that political fact.

Whether the rightful ample and growing American support for Mideast peace should take this further military form ought still to be considered an open question.

(The Washington Post)

Macho, and sad

SHERWIN POMERANTZ

'Happy holiday to the people of Israel and the people of Jordan" was how Prime Minister Rabin began his remarks at the ceremonies marking the signing of the peace treaty between Jordan and Israel.

The strange thing is that we here in Israel experienced none of the trappings of a holiday. Quite frankly, I missed it. Had it been a religious holiday, work places would have been closed, as would schools, banks and offices.

Sad to say, there was none of that. Our radio and TV covered the events and did a good job; but to watch, you had to make the choice to stop working, stay out of school, or whatever.

Contrast that with our neighbor in peace, Jordan. There, last Wednesday was a national holiday. Schools, government offices and most work places closed for the day.

We can be reasonably confident that every cafe had a television set turned to the broadcast of the signing. Probably, the vast majority of the population was watching.

In addition, the week preceding the signing, Jordan TV viewers got an "eye-bite" after every program: the word "peace," flanked by the flags of both Israel and Jordan, with maps of the two countries as a background. And my guess is there were fireworks in Jordan on Wednesday night.

The visit here by President Clinton, head of state of Israel's greatest ally, should also have been cause for great celebration. Yet it seemed all anyone here could talk about was the incredible gridlock that would occur in Jerusalem and on the road from Tel Aviv during the visit.

We Israelis can't seem to allow ourselves the luxury of showing joy or grief in public

And the mayor of Jerusalem felt the need to urge the populace to come out into the streets to welcome our guest. How sad.

WHAT IS this vacuum in our national ethos that prevents us from allowing ourselves the luxury of celebration, especially in light of the overwhelming public support that exists for the peace treaty with Jordan? After all, who can remember the last time 105 members of the Knesset agreed about anything?

I wish I knew the answer. Perhaps it is a fear of what is to follow.

One friend told me he hesitated to celebrate this peace – even though he's happy about it – because he knows that the next peace, the one with Syria, won't be something to celebrate.

What convoluted logic! It reminds me of the young man who hesitated to ask a girl out on a second date because, he reasoned, one thing leads to another, 50 percent of marriages end in divorce, and divorce is a very unpleasant experience.

Or is it that we just will not allow ourselves public displays of emotion, positive or negative? After all, we don't know how to mourn publicly, either.

In any other Western nation, if more than 20 of its citizens were killed in the type of terrorist attack which took place recently in Tel Aviv, a national day of mourning would have been declared. Flags would have been lowered to half mast, and the population would have had an official opportunity to assimilate its national grief.

Not so here. Here we go on, demonstrating to the entire world our ability to continue, in spite of all adversity.

Acting this way just mightn't be so good for our national mental health. Human beings need time to celebrate, and they need time to grieve. It is incredible that we Israelis, who throughout history have probably suffered more pain than any other nation, haven't yet learned how to celebrate or grieve.

Independence Day? That has become part of the normal course of events. It isn't anything special any more.

Hopefully, there will be other reasons to celebrate. Unfortunately, there will most assuredly be events over which to grieve.

Perhaps we can abandon our fascination with our macho image for a while, and admit that it is okay to do both. We will all be better for it.

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Wherever jazz is going, Joe Zawinul gets there first

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

BELIEVE it or not, the hip-hop beat traces its origins to the streets of Vienna.

"In 1971 this was my beat," recalls jazz keyboardist Joe Zawinul, who was raised in the home of Beethoven and Brahms and credits his Viennese origins for his love of music. "A lot of rap groups use it now, but I was already using it on *Sweetnighter* many years ago."

Zawinul, though steeped in the musical traditions of his native city, found early on that he was much more excited by Glenn Miller than Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

He was joined in this enthusiasm by a childhood pal named Thomas Klestil. That old friend is now the Austrian federal president, and when Dr. Klestil comes here on an official visit next week, he's bringing Zawinul along.

Zawinul, now in his 60s, and his Syndicate will give a special performance before President Ezer Weizman in Jerusalem and another in Tel Aviv.

"I have known Klestil since 1945. We went to the Gymnasium together and we were poor street kids at the time. We shared a tiny room," Zawinul reminisced in a phone conversation from his New York home. He has been living in the US since 1959.

Both had strong musical roots. "It was the music of Glenn Miller that connected us. Our entire life at the time was school, sports and music. He was a very good musician and played the drums in a little band we had."

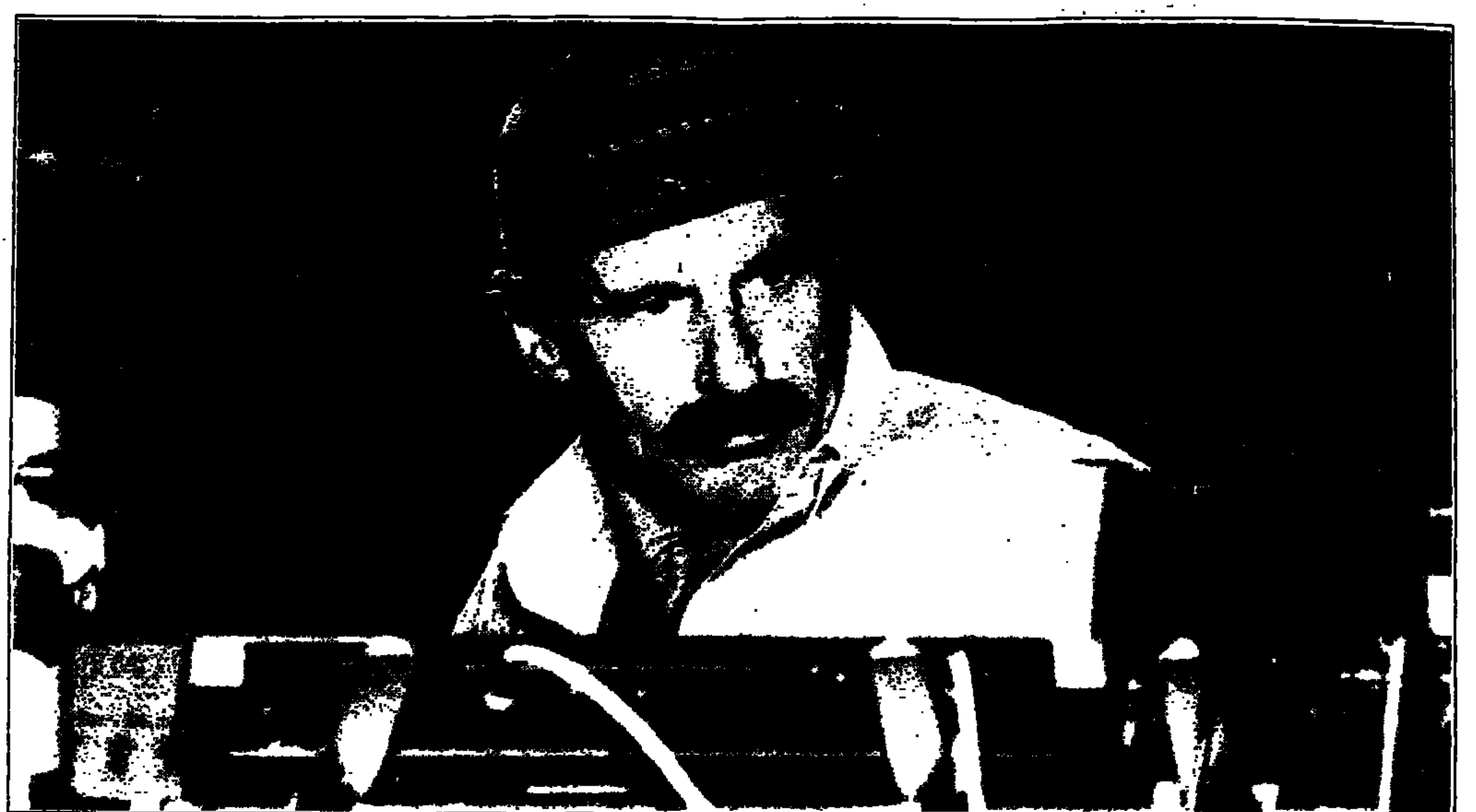
Two summers ago, Zawinul participated in the Red Sea Jazz Festival and the local critics went wild: "The cream of the festival crop," said one reviewer.

Zawinul undoubtedly is one of the major jazz musicians of the last few decades. His secret, it seems, is his ongoing drive to change things.

"Some people say new things because of the boredom of saying old things. I was tired of what was being played all along. And so I have changed many things and for some reason or other it has made an impact."

It all began in the early '60s when Zawinul was "fiddling with electronics. I was the first one who recorded with electric keyboards." He was very much interested in synthesizers at the time and even tried to talk with the manufacturers to learn more about the instruments.

But Zawinul was never satisfied with what he was doing. "We played with the same material every night. But unless you change and look for new things it's like you are simply working in an office, day in and day out."


Viennese-born Zawinul was one of the first jazz artists to fully understand and exploit the potential of the synthesizer.

He has performed with many legendary musicians, including Miles Davis, with whom he recorded six albums, Ben Webster, Quincy Jones and others.

Nowadays Zawinul is writing music with computers. "My piano is linked to the computer and I can improvise and it's finished at once. It's great."

It has been said that when the history of 20th-century music is written, Zawinul will be credited with having been one of the strongest links between the precise European and the free flowing Afro-American jazz.

Yet Zawinul tries to dissociate himself from the term "jazz," which he finds limiting.

He had classical training on the violin and the clarinet, but "I was not thrilled by Mozart and Bach ... I heard jazz and I was totally blown away."

He prefers the label "musician" minus the jazz label. "Yes, jazz is there but I'm an original musician who learned from the world."

He performs on a Korg Pepe, a synthesizer co-designed and played exclusively by himself. He also plays other instruments, some of which he invented himself.

His latest album with the Syndicate, *Lost Tribes*, which he describes as "a collection of 10 tone paintings," showcases all the Old and New World musical influences that have helped Zawinul create his own style.

The Zawinul Syndicate also includes bassist Gerald Veaslly, sitar player Amit Chetargee, percussionist Arto Tonkboycasi and Ronnie Burrage on drums.

The group will give a gala performance in the presence of the presidents of Israel and Austria on November 8 at the Rebecca Crown Auditorium in Jerusalem. On November 10 the Zawinul Syndicate performs at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv.

Two survivors stay afloat

NEW RELEASES

TIRZAH AGASSI

'I'LL never be an angel/ I'll never be a saint it's true/ I'm too busy surviving/ Whether it's heaven or hell/ I'm gonna be living to tell," sings Madonna on "Survival," the opening track of *Bedtime Stories* (Hed Arzi), her latest release.

And surely she is telling her truth. It may not be an incandescent truth, but it's not half as cheesy as her cover portrait, which is peaches-and-cream '50s kitsch modified by an up-to-date nose ring.

Madonna seems to be surviving, which is no mean feat when one considers the backlash that her rampant vulgarity has inspired. There are plenty of people who would like to see her drown in the public's boredom. But in this album she stubbornly refuses to go under.

It's not a great disc – by the fourth cut, a dance number called "Don't Stop," it's downright dull. But a few songs later she emerges with the confessional and moving "Love Tried to Welcome Me."

That song's best line, "And my heart has always been a lonely hunter" is filched from classic novelist Carson McCullers. Madonna, who co-authored almost every song on the album, is no marvel of compassion like McCullers. Yet she deserves credit for recognizing the clarity of McCullers's imagery and repackaging it with mass appeal.

The bottom line on this disc is contained in the current hit "Secret": "Until I learned to love myself/ I was never ever lovin' anybody else." That may not be an earth-shattering insight, but putting it over with an irresistibly catchy pop tune and an irregular dance beat that forces the listener, let alone the dancer, to be alert is quite an achievement.

I'm not saying run out and buy this album, but the woman does have something to teach about survival. In "Bedtime Story," a song written by producer Nellee Hooper who has worked with Icelandic singer Bjork, Madonna actually gets artistically ambitious.

As she sings "And inside/ We're all still wet/ Longing and yearning," she does a bit of a Bjork imitation. She's no wild Icelandic force of nature like Bjork, and it doesn't exactly come off. But the attempt leads one to believe that Madonna may yet pull the ultimate rabbit out of her hat by becoming a true singer. Speaking as one who has loathed her for some time, I find myself rooting for her to make this crowning transformation.

MADONNA isn't exactly an artist, but Robbie Robertson is. In fact he's more than that: a tribal elder, perhaps even a shaman, salvaging oral history and streamlining it for survival into the 21st century.

The former Band leader, who is now 50-something, was born in Canada to a reservation-raised Mohawk Indian mother. Robbie Robertson and the Red Road Ensemble's music for *The Native Americans* (NMC) is a soundtrack for the six-hour television documentary of the same name.

The entire project is told from a Native American perspective, and though I didn't see the show, if the music is anything to go by, it probably was an historic event, as touted.

The album has an enormous range. It opens with an instrumental called "Coyote Dance" which features only a chanted background vocal by Robertson's daughter, Delphine.

Though much of it is synthesizer programmed, the drums are unmistakably Indian. It's a familiar beat that has survived all those white supremacist Westerns, and it's served up here with authenticity.

The songs flow into each other beautifully. "Mahk Jchi" (Heartbeat Drum Song) features pure and lovely women's vocals and a tribal drum track filled out with conventional contemporary Western instruments.

Next comes Robertson's own English-language, richly scored "Ghost Dance" which features background vocals by Coolidge. This group consists of Rita and Priscilla Coolidge, who have both tasted mainstream musical success, and their niece Laura Satterfield.

The portrait on the cover of Madonna's new release is peaches-and-cream '50s kitsch.

Robbie Robertson, formerly of The Band, is exploring his Native American roots.

Members of a Cherokee family, here they add a soft pop element. But later they show up with the traditional "Cherokee Morning Song," a chant that was passed down through the generations.

This veering from fairly accessible pop to the straight stuff is the album's great strength. It is probably because everyone involved has experienced the Native American tragedy personally that they can afford to be flexible. They are not living in the past, but neither are they relinquishing their roots. This causes a creative burst immeasurably more powerful than the apologies of well-meaning outsiders eager to redress a touch of the genocidal injustice done to the Native Americans.

The "Ghost Dance" Robertson and friends sing about was the religious ritual the tribes of the prairies used to try to fight back, and which was banned in 1890. Now it is back again, with the chorus "Come on Apache/Come on Cherokee/ Come on Paiute/ Come on Sioux... We shall live again!"

On the liner notes, Robertson thanks cable TV magnate Ted Turner of TBS for making the project possible. It's a show-biz synergy that really inspires hope for the future of this info-shocked, telecommunicating planet.

The people's orchestra

HELEN KAYE

THE bounciest and most unapologetically middlebrow orchestra around, the three-and-a-half-year-old Ra'anana Symphonette, which was founded to provide work for immigrant CIS musicians, is going into its fourth season with trumpets blowing, flags flying, innovative programming and new ideas.

The newest one is a Center for Jewish Music.

"We're performers," said general manager Orit Fogel. "We'll leave research to the universities. Our aim is the collection, performance and encouragement of music based on Jewish themes, especially folk themes and Jewish liturgy."

For his part, Symphonette music director Yerucham Scharovsky declares that this rich musical heritage doesn't get the local exposure it deserves, "and we want to explore the Israeli aspects of it too, both past and present."

This season there'll be two such Jewish works, both commissioned. The first is Daniel Shalit's *Night Fragments*, based on hassidic melodies, and the second is *Stempeniu*, based on a Shalom Aleichem story, by Dov Seltser.

"We intend to have one, possibly two such concerts a year," Fogel says, adding that the Symphonette made a start last season with Andre Hajdu's well-received *Castles in the Air* (Halomot be'Aspamia). But being Jewish is not a prerequisite for repertoire selection, as the first "Jewish" concert in December features works by both Prokofiev and Verdi.

The rest of the Symphonette's season is based on conductor Scharovsky's proven AAF (audience attraction formula). Any particular concert would include a hook to get the audience involved, with well-known overtures by Rossini or Beethoven. Then comes a visual, often a multidisciplinary work such as *Stempeniu* related by the inimitable Shmuel Segal, De Falla's *The Three Cornered Hat*, performed by the Yoram Boker Mime Troupe, or Rafi Kadishson's *Concerto for Peter and Orchestra* which has jazz musician Peter Wertheimer playing seven different instruments. Finally, with the audience properly primed, comes the pure music of Dvorak, Ravel or Saint-Saens.

Special projects each season highlight the connections between the pop, jazz and classical worlds. For instance, Marianne Faithfull will sing with the Symphonette next June. Kadishson is composing an orchestral suite based on David Broza's songs, which Broza will perform countrywide in January.

The efforts seem to be paying off. Sharon area subscribers have increased 100% this year to 2,000 with a further 600 in Tel Aviv, obliging the orchestra to run four, rather than three, series. There are two four-concert special series at the Eretz Yisrael Museum in Tel Aviv. One is for the whole family with the emphasis on kids, and the other is called "Love, Wine, Dance and Folklore."

With no deficit on the books, the orchestra has a NIS 3.07 million budget of which NIS 800,000 comes from the Ra'anana Municipality and NIS 700,000 from the Absorption Ministry, while the rest is expected to be earned income.

The concerts are in Ra'anana, Kfar Sava and the Tel Aviv Museum. Subscription prices are between NIS 250 and NIS 420 for five concerts. If you want to live dangerously, you can buy a season ticket for NIS 100 which gets you whatever seat is available the night of the concert.

Strauss saves the day for Mehta and IPO

CONCERT ROUNDUP

SATURDAY night's IPO concert actually started with its second part – Richard Strauss's 45-minute long *Ein Heldenleben* ("A Hero's Life").

What we heard in the first part must be dismissed as less then negligible. Mehta did start with a Webern piece, but the name should not mislead – the *Passacaglia* Op. 1 (1908) is one of Webern's earliest pieces and it is nothing more than a spill-over of romanticism into the 20th century. It is also no novelty for the orchestra – Mehta had played it before.

The next item was an even greater disappointment, for two reasons: cellist Yo Yo Ma was supposed to perform the excellent Ben-Haim concerto, a performance we awaited with great expectations because it was one of the masterpieces and groundbreaking works of early Israeli music.

Instead of this interesting item, we got the hackneyed convention of Haydn's D major concerto, which between the Webern and the Strauss sounded completely out of context – actually pitiful.

But there was another reason for our disappointment. No doubt Yo Yo Ma is a great cellist and his rendition was fine.

The main culprit, however, was Mehta who delivered an absolutely awful accompaniment. He actually showed contempt for the soloist, so bad, under-rehearsed and untidy in intonation were the strings.

Mehta, however still had a surprise up his sleeve – Richard Strauss's symphonic poem. Mehta, who seemed bored and indifferent in the first part of the concert, now mobilized all his faculties and turned the first performance of a great Strauss composition into an event worthy of its "historic" aspect: the final lifting of the local ban on the music of Strauss.

The performance seemed to release a huge amount of energy, joy of music making, commitment, devotion and technical ability – the orchestra sounded excellent.

The moral is therefore completely clear: the IPO desperately needs a new repertoire, and when one is introduced it energizes both the conductor and the orchestra.

Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv October 29

Benjamin Bar-Am

AUDIENCES here don't often get to hear works by French composer Henri Dutilleux. So it was a treat when David Shallon and the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra presented the 78-year-old composer's *Metaboles* in its recent subscription concert.

As in the JSO's previous concerts, it gave an impressive performance of a contemporary work. The composition itself showcases the composer's well-crafted use of the entire orchestra.

Cellist David Geringas revealed two contrasting facets of his artistry in the two compositions he performed with the orchestra. His reading of Schumann's cello concerto was correct, yet too contemplative.

There was no doubt that Geringas showcases a beautiful albeit not too big or deep a sound, but throughout one felt that the playing was shallow, never delving deep into the music.

It was an interesting reading that lacked intensity and dramatic power, as well as emotional involvement.

All these were found in abundance, though, when Geringas played the three Meditations for cello and orchestra from Leonard Bernstein's theatrical opus *Mass*.

Here it was obvious that the cellist was totally involved with the music he was playing, delivering a most sensitive and compelling reading of three interludes that were written for the theater, yet also have a great impact when performed out of their original context.

Henry Crown Symphony Hall, Jerusalem, October 26

Michael Ajzenstadt

Sipowicz's girl makes her case

JAMES ENDRST

NEW YORK

A case could be made that Sharon Lawrence's lovely performance as Assistant District Attorney Sylvia Costas on *NYPD Blue* has turned Dennis Franz – the formerly ugly and out-of-control Det. Andy Sipowicz – into an Everyman sex symbol.

But you won't hear Lawrence make the argument.

"Have you ever met Dennis?" she asks over lunch during a stopover in Manhattan, where the ABC drama [which airs locally on Tuesdays, 10:30 p.m., Channel 2] has been shooting exteriors.

"Dennis Franz is a very appealing man. I am only there as a mirror to what he has to offer in that arena. I don't think it's specifically Sylvia or me. I think it's the combination of people."

Some viewers might move to strike such a statement from Lawrence's interview record, but the North Carolina-bred actress, a vision of vivacious confidence in her sage-green suit on this recent afternoon, isn't eager to play up the "sex symbol" side of her character or career.

"I don't want the responsibility of 'sex symbol,'" says Lawrence, "because that's such an icon, and it reduces somebody's qualities to such a specific thing."

With the Sipowicz-Costas relationship back on track this season, and now that the detective is getting his alcoholism under control, there will be the inevitable border-pushing love scenes the police drama has, in part, become famous for.

Ask Lawrence about them, and she laughs, saying, "My eyes light up like I'm really looking forward to it, when what I'm looking forward to is having it done."

It's not that she has a problem playing the scenes.

"I haven't had any objections," she says, "and I don't think that I will, as long as they [don't go over] that line."

Still, she recalls, "When I first got on the show, I had no idea that would be part of my role because it wasn't about that initially. So I had to make some peace with it."

For those hoping that Sipowicz and Costas will tie the knot ... don't hold your breath.

Though Sipowicz blurted out a marriage proposal in the second episode of the season ("She was stunned," says Lawrence of Sylvia's reaction. "Never in a million years did she expect that, and neither did he"), it's way too early in their relationship, and in Sipowicz's recovery, for that to happen.

Sylvia has forgiven Andy, but, says Lawrence, "They'll have other problems. This is not *Father Knows Best*, blithely walking down the primrose path. That's part of their appeal – the fact that they really represent the complexities of a relationship between two mature people that come with baggage and years of commitment and habits that are ingrained."

And, after all, Sipowicz is going to have to find a new best man since his partner Det. John Kelly, otherwise known as actor David Caruso, is leaving the series.

His character will be replaced by Det. Bobby Simone, who will be portrayed by Jimmy Smits of *L.A. Law* fame.

(The Hartford Courant)

Problematic, powerful treatment of Agnon

LIKE IT USED TO BE

After a novel by S.Y. Agnon. Stage adaptation and direction, Yoram Falk. Set David Sharir. Costumes, Tova Kleiner-Sadan. Music, Poldi Shatzman. The Cameri Theater at ZOA House, Tel Aviv. Hebrew title, *'Tmol Shilshom*. Leading a large cast: Rafi Weinstock, Yoram Hatav, Irina Seleznyova, Yossi Yadin.

THEATER REVIEW

NAOMI DOUDAI

OF all S.Y. Agnon's works, *'Tmol Shilshom* lends itself the least to dramatized adaptation.

At the realistic and visual level the novel is a sour social commentary on the early Zionist dream. But at a deeper level it posits a universal metaphysic. With its cosmic imagery, its prophetic insights, its dark doomsday message, it seeks to encompass the fate and sufferings of all mankind. As such it all but defies the scope and limitations of the staging process.

Yoram Falk, however, in a telescopic, elliptical treatment of the episodes, goes far to realize the two dimensions of the work as well as to make palpable its mystic impulse. With a narrative that has little gripping dramatic development he succeeds, if only ultimately, in transmitting the power of Agnon's canvas.

The prose, philosophy and characterizations that inspire Agnon's *Weltanschauung* surface onstage. By the end of the second act the almost impossible task of rendering the abstractions has been finally and forcefully broached.

The action takes off through a slow and sticky start that drags on through most of the first act, but the final impact is impressive. In the second act the ecstatic characterizations, extravagant period costumes, Old Jaffa and older Jerusalem streetscapes, and finely modulated delivery of Agnon's archaic locutions, are all rewarding.

The juxtaposition of the two cities, two loves, two life-styles, finally builds up to a crashing climax.

As to the characterizations, foremost is Yoram Hatav's mad dog Balak ("dog," in Hebrew, backwards), a poetic creation of remarkable momentum. Yossi Yadin's demented, *drasha*-thrashing Rabbi is the performance of a lifetime; while Irena Seleznyova, tragic epitome of the epoch's Free Love and Free Woman, and Rafi Weinstock as the simpleton from the shtetl, unfold their incongruous romance with subtlety and restraint.

The dramatization lacks coherence, its episodic transitions are often spasmodic, its pace and rhythm at times may jar. But as a panoply of rich performances underscored by a deep core of mystic meaning, a show of eloquent costumes and an emblematic set, this production has much national significance and not a little brilliance.

TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	WEEKS ON CHARTS	ARTIST	TITLE
#1	2	10	RITA	THE GRAND LOVE
#2	3	56	BOAZ SHARABI	YOU ARE THE NIGHT TO ME
#3	7	2	MADONNA	BEDTIME STORIES
#4	8	10	NATASHA'S FRIENDS	RADIO BLAH BLAH
#5	6	8	YEHUDIT RAVITZ	COLLECTION
#6	/	1	MEGADEATH	YOUTHANASIA
#7	25	9	YEHUDIT RAVITZ	FOLLOW YOUR HEART
#8	4	5	R.E.M.	MONSTER
#9	1	2	VARIOUS ARTISTS	HIT BOX 6
#10	13	2	CRANBERRIES	NO NEED TO ARGUE
#11	14	55	ACHINOAM NINI	NINI AND DOR
#12	11	2	BON JOVI	CROSSROAD
#13	RE	1	FILM SOUND TRACK	LION KING
#14	9	3	RAMI FORTIS	BAD COP
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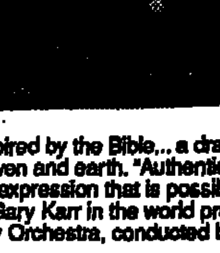
Tower Records' top-selling albums for the previous week. RE – re-entry



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Treasury considers exempting bonds from capital gains tax

EVELYN GORDON

THE Treasury will consider exempting bonds from the capital gains tax, Income Tax Commissioner Doron Levy said yesterday, but it will not consider an exemption for foreign mutual funds.

Levy also confirmed that if foreign companies were to issue shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, the capital gains tax on these stocks would be 35 percent, instead of the 10%-20% tax which will be levied on gains from Israeli stocks.

Levy said this was at the request of the Bank of Israel, so that foreign stocks issued here would not have an advantage over either Israeli or foreign stocks traded overseas. Capital gains earned overseas are taxed at a rate of 35%.

Levy said the Treasury would consider exempting bonds, because there was something to the banks' arguments – seconded by Yitzhak Swary, one of three professors who addressed the Knesset Finance Committee on the issue yesterday – that the expense would outweigh the income.

Seventy percent of bonds are tax-free anyway, Levy explained.

According to the banks, the prices of the remainder tend to undergo fairly small fluctuations, and usually cancel each other out, so overall tax revenue would be close to zero when offsets are taken into account.

However, he said, the Treasury would never agree to exempt overseas mutual funds from the tax, despite the banks' worries that the tax might discourage foreign investors.

"[Managers of] a foreign mutual fund can't check who invests in it," Levy explained. "All of Israel would operate via foreign funds [if they were tax-exempt]."

Levy made these remarks following a meeting of the Finance Committee, at which the MKs heard the comments of Swary and the two other professors – David Levhari and Aharon Yoran – all of whom said they supported the tax in principle.

Levhari, however, questioned the timing, saying the tax might impede the government's privatization efforts.

He also said he did not know of any country except the US where foreign investors paid capital gains tax, and warned that this idea was already deterring investments.

Yoran said there should be a straight 20% tax on offsets for everybody, instead of allowing people to choose between this path or a 10% tax without offsets, and setting a special 15% rate for mutual funds and a 0% rate for provident funds.

"[The current system] will cause all the activity to run after the exemptions," he said.

He also warned that making the price as of January 1, 1995, the base price for calculating profits and losses would not stand up in court, because it could result in someone paying taxes on a loss.

If, for instance, someone bought a stock for NIS 250, but the price was NIS 200 on January 1 and NIS 230 at the end of the year, the buyer would pay taxes on a NIS30 profit, even though he really lost NIS 20.

Finally, Yoran said, non-profit institutions that get money from abroad should be exempted from the tax on investments made with this money.

Otherwise, he said, they will keep this money overseas, depriving the country of needed foreign currency reserves.

GM firm to form Israeli subsidiary

RACHEL NEIMAN

A GENERAL Motors company, Electronic Data Systems (EDS), will form an Israeli subsidiary, visiting GM CEO John Smith announced following a meeting with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday.

EDS, which deals with information technology, was originally founded by ex-US presidential candidate Ross Perot.

It provides consulting, system development, integration and management, process management and co-sourcing. The company posted $724 million in net profits last year on revenues of $8.56 billion.

Although the company works with all GM information systems, 61% of revenues come from non-GM sources.

EDS has 70,000 employees, serving a client base of 8,000 customers in 30 countries. Customers include, among others, the US Defense Department, Hewlett Packard, Japan Airlines, Southwest Airlines, World Cup Soccer USA, and Dow Jones.

During his visit, Smith went to the Iscar factory at Tefen and the antique auto museum within the industrial zone/museum complex.

He was then taken by helicopter to the Ramat David Air Force base to see both F-16 planes and F-16 simulators.

Smith denied he had any motive for his trip other than to visit UMI, GM's Israeli operation, and seek business opportunities.

"I didn't come to offer anything, but to get an idea of the business and manufacturing world here," he said. "Because we purchase, on a global scale, $70b. worth of materials annually, it's good to know what's available here."

He compared the current efforts at creating a peace economy to that of Latin America.

"Ten years ago you couldn't move a product [from country to country]," he said. "Today there are trade agreements and you can see the benefits of peace and stability. The Middle East could be a very strong market."

Smith said the Middle East is GM's strongest export market, with 40,000 units sold this year. Saudi Arabia is the largest Middle Eastern consumer, with Israel "running a clear second this year."

Other regional countries are relatively small markets, with the exception of Egypt, where GM holds 60% of the light truck market.

Smith said UMI has captured said 10% of the Israeli market, up from 2.9% within four years.

Maccabi asks to set up insurance firm

Established insurance companies look to reduce costs

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE supervisor of insurance announced yesterday it is examining the Maccabi health fund's request to establish an insurance company.

Established insurance firms, meanwhile, are examining ways to significantly reduce costs to help them compete with firms offering direct insurance to customers.

At the start of this week, Direct Insurance, a company owned by Zur Shamir and the Israel Corporation, started to sell insurance policies after receiving a license to operate in the field on Thursday.

In addition, the supervisor of insurance has given his agreement in principle for a group of investors headed by Kardan, businessman Avraham Irani and Alex Peled to operate in the direct insurance field.

Insurance companies expect the direct marketing of insurance to dramatically lower premiums.

Insurance company sources said they are looking into expanding their operations with the larger insurance agencies, who are equipped to sell insurance through telemarketing.

The insurance companies are also looking into the possibility of operating in the direct insurance field through subsidiary companies.

"We work with insurance agents, who have the most to lose from companies' engagement in the sale of direct insurance," said Eliyahu Insurance company chairman Shlomo Eliyahu.

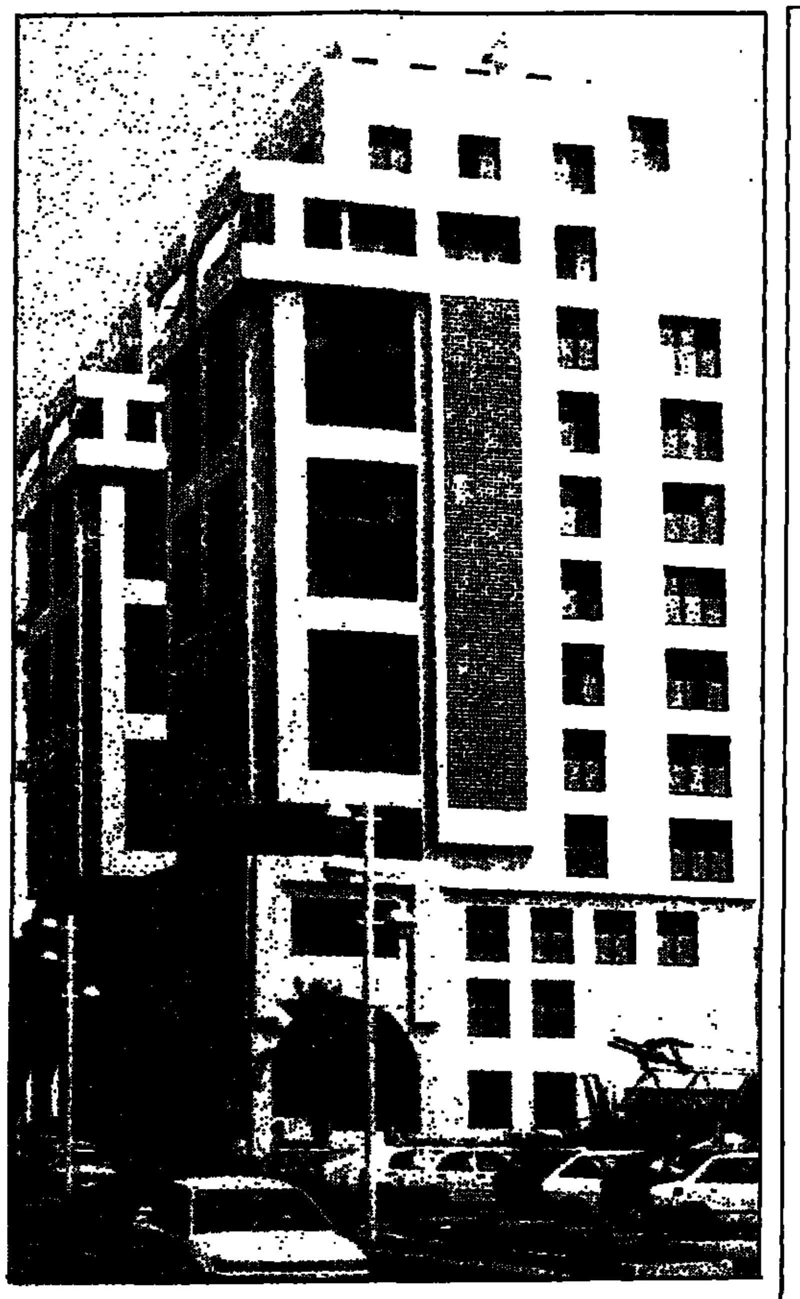
"We will try and help agents compete with the new insurance companies."

Direct Insurance manager Joshua Agassi said the direct marketing method will lead to a 20 percent decline in automobile insurance premiums and about a 35% drop in home insurance.

Agassi refused to reveal the number of insurance policies sold during the last two days but said demand is much higher than the company expected.

"We have spoken to more than 1,000 people during the last two days and another 400 have left phone messages for us to call them back," Agassi said. "We have sold policies to many of those who called us."

Direct Insurance sells its policies through computer communications and telemarketing.



This building on Herbert Samuel Street, constructed by Oranim, is one of the nominees for the first ever Tel Aviv-Jaffa Building Prize, to be awarded tomorrow by the municipality and the Tel Aviv Contractors Association.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Iskoor Steel Services inaugurates new Kiryat Gat factory: Iskoor Steel Services inaugurated its new Kiryat Gat factory yesterday.

The new plant, Iskoor Aluminum Services, is a $1.5 million investment and the first of three to be opened by Iskoor's owners –multinational Maxsteel and South African businessman Eric Samson. It is also the first of its kind here and will replace imports of aluminum. The second factory will manufacture steel profiles for construction, and the third will be a welding plant.

Panel passes bill aimed at preventing bribing of public directors: Public directors would not be able to take any job with a company or its principal shareholders for a year after finishing their directorship, according to a bill approved by the Knesset Law Committee yesterday. The bill is aimed at ensuring that public directors are not bribed into serving the interests of the principal shareholder instead of the public. It will now go to the plenum for its first reading.

Reshet asks court to ban Channel 1 from advertising: Reshet, one of the New Channel 2 franchise holders, yesterday asked the High Court of Justice to ban Channel 1 from airing advertisements and sponsorship announcements. Reshet argued that the financial bodies of Channel 1, New Channel 2, and cable television decided that Channel 1 would be funded through the television licensing fee, and thus it is unauthorized to run ads.

Kavim privatization completed: The privatization of the government-owned firm Kavim has been essentially completed with this week's sale of its last ship, the Treasury announced yesterday. The ship had brought in crude oil from Egypt. With the transfer of oil importing to private hands, the government had no further use for the vessel.

WORLD BRIEFS

Consumer spending rises 0.2% in September: US Consumer spending posted the smallest rise in five months in September, while incomes showed the most growth since April, the government said yesterday, as consumers held onto more of their earnings. Spending rose 0.2 percent in September before adjusting for inflation after a revised 0.8% jump in August, the Commerce Department said. It was the fifth straight spending rise, but it was also the smallest since a 0.3% drop in April.

Incomes from wages, salaries, and all other sources increased 0.6% after a 0.4% gain in August. It was the eighth straight rise and the largest since a 0.6% climb in April. Savings rose to 4.1 cents out of each dollar earned from 3.7 cents in August. *Reuter*

UK rate rise fever burns ahead of monetary meeting: Speculation of another rise in British interest rates heated up yesterday after release of fresh data did nothing to dispel concern that inflationary pressures are building within the economy. The data showed the prices index of the Purchasing Managers Survey creeping up to 70.2 percent in October from 70.1% in September.

The survey reinforced last week's Confederation of British Industry report pointing to a further pickup in industrial output as capacity constraints grow and producer prices rise. October data for M0 – the narrowest gauge of money supply, measuring mainly notes and coins in circulation – did not provide any comfort on the inflation front. *Reuter.*

RJR Nabisco plans to sell 19% stake in its food operations: RJR Nabisco Holdings Corp. said yesterday it plans to sell a 19 percent stake in its Nabisco food business, which makes products like Oreo cookies and Ritz crackers, in an initial public stock offering. The offering would presumably attract investors to its thriving food business who may have been unwilling to buy into the parent company, which owns the nation's second biggest tobacco company, as well as the food operations.

RJR Nabisco said it expects to raise $1.04 billion to $1.17b. from the stock offering in the food company and would use $1b. of the proceeds to reduce its debt. It also said it would begin paying a dividend of 30 cents a share per year on RJR Nabisco stock. The company has not paid any dividends since its stock became available to the public in 1991. *AP*

Ministry: IEC must return deposit to customers

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE Israel Electric Corporation has to return customers' electricity deposit, according to Energy Ministry amendments to electricity supply regulations.

Energy Minister Moshe Shahal said the new regulations force the IEC to return the deposits customers are required to pay.

The IEC used to demand that customers pay a deposit as a guarantee for future electricity bill payments and to insure customers look after equipment the company supplies.

Shahal said the IEC will pay back a total of NIS 80 million during the next 18 months. He said the new regulations are in the framework of the IEC's policy to improve customer services.

He said the company will return the deposit by crediting customers electricity accounts by a quantity of electricity equivalent to that charged in the deposit.

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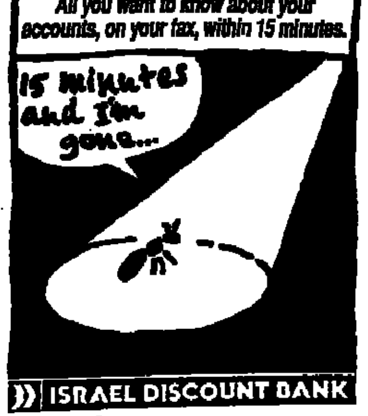
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Fuel workers fight attempts by Paz, Sonol to force employees to switch to personal contracts

Staffers threaten to close market if collective agreement not upheld

WORKERS in the country's fuel market are fighting attempts by Paz and Sonol to take employees off the collective agreement and place them on personal contracts.

The struggle includes the 400 employees of Paz and Sonol, as well as workers at Delek, the gas tank compound at Glilot junction outside Tel Aviv, and the Oil Refineries.

The organizers' central headquarters threatened to close down the fuel sector if an arrangement is not found to continue employing those Sonol and Paz workers not on personal contracts.

This message was relayed at a news conference in Haifa yesterday held by the workers committee of Sonol and Paz, together with Haifa region Histadrut chairman Baruch Zeltz.

The workers' spokesmen said that for the first time in the history of the country's workers relations, companies want to unilaterally cancel the collective agreement between the Histadrut and management.

According to the workers, Paz's management told workers to sign personal contracts during individual meetings to discuss their salaries.

Management has systematically violated the collective agreement and transferred a large group of workers to personal contracts, the workers said.

Paz had also fired other employees using voluntary retirement agreements to which workers had been forced to consent, the workers said.

Management suggested workers sign a new "collective/detailed" agreement, in which wages and conditions were cut by 50 percent, the workers said.

Paz worker representatives further said the company's attempts were not due to a slump in the market.

They said Paz is a profitable company, and there was no reason to cut wages, apart from the desire on the part of the company's owners to increase profits at the worker's expense.

Workers said the company has been earning hundreds of millions of dollars since being acquired by its new owners from the government.

The workers also said the company had already fired some two-thirds of its workers, while at the same time its worth had grown 220%.

Sonol workers said management was trying to cut their salaries by special clauses, which would result in salary reduction from between 30% and 60%.

Sonol workers pointed out that last year the company reported profits of more than NIS 46 million, and profits for the first half of this year were NIS 18m.

Zeltz said the Histadrut was ready to stand at the head of the battle lines, and it intends to provide the workers with all the resources needed for their struggle.

Sonol and Paz have maintained that the workers were offered a new collective agreement, effective from January 1, 1995, but it was rejected outright.

The companies said the existing collective agreement's terms of payment had been determined prior to reforms in the fuel sector, under circumstances significantly different from those dictating the market today.

Reform, and with it increased competition, has determined coordination of wages to bring them closer to current market conditions, they said. (Itim)

Overall tax burden increases

NEIL COHEN

THE overall tax burden on the population rose to 41.2 percent of Gross Domestic Product, according to figures released by the Treasury yesterday and which will shortly be presented to the Knesset Finance Committee.

According to the study, conducted by Dalia Segolli, a senior researcher at the State Revenues Authority, the tax burden here is significantly higher than that in the US (29.1%) and Japan (30.8%).

It is somewhat higher than that in Spain, Greece, and England, significantly lower than Sweden (53.4%), Denmark (48.2%), and Belgium (44.8%) and similar to France, Germany, and Italy.

The study shows that over the years there have been fluctuations in the tax burden in Israel, from as high as 46% in 1986, to 38.5% in 1991.

In the study, Israel has the lowest direct tax rate, due to the relatively low national insurance tax. But it has the highest indirect tax levels of all the countries compared in the survey.

State Revenues Director Yoram Gabbai said the rise in the tax burden stemmed from the increase in tax revenues due to the rapid growth of the economy.

Study: Inflation does not dictate price differentials in stores

Post Business Staff

THE large difference in price of items in various stores is not connected to the level of inflation in the economy, according to a study by Prof. Benny Eden, an adviser to the Research Division in the Bank of Israel.

According to the study, entitled "Inflation and Price Dispersal," the differences in prices between the stores did not increase during a period of high inflation.

Eden checked various prices in stores during the 1978-82 high inflation period, when it reached about five percent a month, and the period between 1991-92, when inflation slowed to about 1% a month.

The study also showed that in periods of high inflation prices are boosted more often in various stores, and the rate of price increase grows.

However, the difference in prices between the stores does not increase.

This contradicts the popular belief that during times of high inflation, every merchant raises prices as he sees fit, without taking into consideration what other stores charge.

The study showed that increased inflation does not hurt competition between the various stores.

The study results also support the economic theory that stability of monetary aggregates is important in reducing economic uncertainty, and monetary policy aimed at limiting fluctuation in economic activity is not useful.

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (1.11.94)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.875	5.250	5.750
Pound sterling (£100,000)	4.375	4.875	5.750
German mark (DM 200,000)	4.125	4.250	4.625
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	3.000	3.125	3.500
Yen (10 million yen)	0.750	0.875	1.125

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (31.10.94)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS		BANKNOTES		Rep. Rates**
	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	
Currency basket	3.3750	3.4230	—	—	3.3994
U.S. dollar	2.9881	3.0282	2.93	3.07	3.0090
German mark	1.9775	2.0054	1.94	2.03	1.9907
Pound sterling	4.8488	4.9172	4.75	4.97	4.8829
French franc	0.5776	0.5857	0.56	0.59	0.5818
Japanese yen (100)	3.0683	3.1116	3.01	3.15	3.0888
Dutch florin	1.7636	1.7887	1.73	1.81	1.7755
Swiss franc	2.3673	2.4007	2.32	2.43	2.3861
Swedish krona	0.4152	0.4211	0.41	0.43	0.4184
Norwegian krone	0.4548	0.4613	0.45	0.47	0.4580
Danish krone	0.5056	0.5127	0.50	0.52	0.5090
Finnish mark	0.6477	0.6569	0.64	0.67	0.6505
Canadian dollar	2.2240	2.2553	2.18	2.29	2.2258
Australian dollar	2.2205	2.2518	2.17	2.29	2.2379
S. African rand	0.8524	0.8644	0.77	0.89	0.8588
Belgian franc (10)	0.9609	0.9745	0.94	0.99	0.9677
Austrian schilling (10)	2.8083	2.8479	2.76	2.89	2.8288
Italian lira (1000)	1.9335	1.9608	1.89	2.00	1.9473
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.17	4.43	4.2676
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.85	0.91	0.9779
ECU	3.7686	3.8219	—	—	3.7956
Irish punt	4.7822	4.8497	4.68	4.96	4.8174
Spanish peseta (100)	2.3765	2.4100	2.31	2.47	2.3930

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US dollar	...NIS 3.0090	--.--%
Sterling	......NIS 4.8829	- 0.76%
Mark	..........NIS 1.9907	- 0.76%

INT'L STOCK MARKETS

New York market indexes

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	3915.97	-13.78
DJ Transport	1527.89	-9.06
DJ Utils	181.39	-0.86
DJ Comp	1328.06	-5.25
NYSE Industr	327.31	-0.25
NYSE Transport	234.93	-1.24
NYSE Comp	259.14	-0.29
S&P 100	439.86	-0.22
S&P Spot Index	473.34	-0.43
AMEX Comp	458.54	+0.39

NYSE stocks

	Unchanged	Advances	Declines
Share movements	+654	1018	1158
Volume up (in 1000's)			111031
Volume down (in 1000's)			130859

Other stock market indexes

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	3097.4	+13.6
Tokyo Nikkei average	19989.6	+184.5
Singapore all-share index	583.98	+2.14
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	9646.25	+266.78
Israel Index	112.73	+0.1

Israeli stocks in NY

	Last	Change
NYSE / AMEX		
Ala la Pap	48.625	0
Ampal A	8	+0.125
Ayyt	1.75	-0.0625
BioTechnology	1.9375	+0.0625
Carmel Cont	8.375	+0
Fruterom (electrochem)	3.75	-0.125
Elscint	2	-0.125
Etz Lavud	8.375	-0.375
Etz Lavud A	8.625	-0.375
Laser T.	5.75	+0.125
PEC	29	+0.75
Tadiran	21.125	+0
NASDAQ / over-the-counter		
Aladdin	9.625	+0.375
4TH. Dimension	7	+0.125
Ampal 6.5	22.5	+1
BVR	5.75	-0.25
Converse	12.5	+0.5
Daza (Defense)	6.125	-0.75
ECI	19.375	-0.125
Edunetics	2.25	+0.0625
Edu-Soft	8.75	-0.625
Electric Fuel	6.5	+0
EFFI	26.375	-0.625
Elbit	33.75	+0.5
Elron	9.5	+0.5
Eshed Robotec	0.6875	0
Fibronix	1	-0.125
M. Systems	4.125	-0.125
Gilat	14.3125	+0.0625
ISG	2	-0.375
Geotek	6.625	-0.4375
Health Tech	2	-0.125
Ioan	0.375	-0.0625
IIS	3.25	+0.0625
Indigo	16.75	+0
Interpharm	18.5	0
Isramco	1.3125	-0.03125
First Isr Fund	13.5	+0
Isjek	0.5	+0
Lannet	9.125	+0.5
Lanoptics	7.125	-0.125
Magal	4.5	+0
Media-Al	2.625	-0.25
Mercury	14.75	-0.25
Magic	8	-0.0625
Orbotech	9.25	+0.5
Oshap Tech	2.5625	+0.0625
Rada	3.5	+0
Robomatics	2	-0.0625
Sapiens	3	-0.25
Scitex	22.125	-0.25
Silicom	3.125	-0.25
T.A.T. Technol	3	-0.25
Taro Vit	6.3125	+0.0625
Teledata	6	+0
Telegraph	4	+0.25
Teva	27.375	+0
TVG	1.25	+0

(All listings are closing quotes)

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INT'L MONEY MARKETS

Dollar crossrates (US)

		Last	Change
Pound:	spot	1.636	+0.017
	Dec.future (CME)	1.6346	+0.0128
D'mark:	spot	1.5035	-0.009
	Dec.future (CME)	0.6648	+0.0023
S'franc:	spot	1.256	-0.0065
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7971	+0.0027
Yen:	spot	96.85	-0.55
	Dec.future (CME)	0.010358	+4.5e-005
CanDlr:	spot	1.3534	+0.0004
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7382	-0.0011
AusDlr:	spot	0.7427	+0.0005
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7411	-0
F'franc:	spot	5.1465	-0.0257
It.Lira:	spot	1537	-6.5
Nis:	spot	1.8853	-0.0087
AutShlg:	spot	10.6075	-0.0175
Rand:	spot	3.5065	+0.0085
ECU:	spot	1.2579	+0.0057
Bonds	future	96.3438	-0
S'and P	future	474.2	-2

Libor rates

		Last	Change
Dollar	3 months	5.625	-0.0625
Dollar	6 months	5.9375	-0.0625
Dollar	12 months	6.5	-0.0625
Sterling	3 months	-	-
Sterling	6 months	6.5625	0
Sterling	12 months	7.375	0
S-franc	3 months	4.0625	0
S-franc	6 months	-	-
S-franc	12 months	4.625	+0
D-mark	3 months	5.1563	-0.0312
D-mark	6 months	5.25	0
D-mark	12 months	5.625	+0
Yen	3 months	2.375	0
Yen	6 months	-	-
Yen	12 months	2.8125	+0

(Spot market listings are from approximately 22:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

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INT'L COMMODITIES AND METALS

US commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (CEC)	1327	-6
Coffee (Dec) (CEC)	187.4	-2.1
Sugar no.11 (Mar) (CEC)	12.8	-0.03
Wheat (Dec) (CBOT)	384.5	-7
Soybeans(Nov)(CBOT)	542.25	-4.5
Orange juice (Nov)(CEC)	105.9	+1.15
Crude oil light (Dec)(CEC)	18.19	-0.04

London commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (LCE)	855	-4
Coffee (Nov) (LCE)	3417	-71
Brent crude oil (Dec)(IPE)	1592	-7

Spot market metals (US)

		Last	Change
Gold:	spot	384.25	-2.5
Silver:	spot	5.25	-0.14

New York metal futures

	Last	Change
Gold (Dec)	384.9	-3.8
Silver (Dec)	5.262	-0.105
Platinum (Jan.)	418.7	-7.1
Palladium (Dec.)	159.8	-1.15
High-grade copper (Dec)	1.226	-0.0085

London metal fixes

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	387.4	-1
Gold PM fix	383.85	-3.25
Silver fix	534.5	-8.2
Platinum PM fix	420.1	-3.15

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading

Commercial Banks

Name	Price	%chg
FrstIntW2	5353	
General	8802	-1.5
IndDevDD		
IndDvPrD		
LeumiW1		
MizrC	204	-8.9
OHH	118224	
Trade	757	-0.8
TradeC	189.00	-0.3

Mortgage Banks & Finance

Name	Price	%chg
Adanim	347325	-0.2
Carmel	699	-4.5
CarmC5	288	-6.7
DevMB	19552	-1.5
FirstMB	38843	-0.3
IndepMB	67822	-1.5
J lemC	128.50	0.4
JlemBnk	299	-2.9
LeumiMBR	94965	-4.5
Mishkan	33352	-1.7
MishkanC	191.00	0.5
Mizlav	9077	-3.2
TefahotR	196800	

Financial Institutions

Name	Price	%chg
Shilon	8433	4.0

Insurance

Name	Price	%chg
IsraelW1	1313	-4.0
Ararat	1399	
Ayalon	701	0.5
AyalonC	443	-3.1
Eitan	300	-1.0
EitanC1	193.50	
Hadar1	1139	-2.0
Hadar5	1104	
HamishmrC	202	
Hamishmr1	1472	
Hamishmr5	1364	
Menorah1	1053	-1.0
Menorah5	1093	
Phoenix1	2880	-2.0
Phoenix5	2737	-0.8
Sahar	481	-3.0
Zion5	9174	

Trade & Services

Name	Price	%chg
hashmira	673	-0.5
Idibau	1370	
Baran	1937	-2.0
BezekW2	184.50	-3.4
BndWtnC1	133.00	
BndWtnC2	127.00	
BondWtn1 L	3972	
Clzg0.1	58081	-0.7
Clal Comp	16821	
ClalCmpC	159.00	
ClalTrW5	120.50	-18.9
CorBeach	1561	1.0
CoOp	1383	
Crystal	2007	7.3
DanHoth1	2616	
DCL	691	
DCLW	198.50	
Elad	192.50	-1.0
Feldman	175.50	0.3
GanHadar	248	-0.4
GanHadC	200	
GikogG2	182.00	
GranitC1	114.50	
GranitW2	139.00	-1.8
HGIIC1	130.00	0.4
HGIIW1	131.00	-10.0
HGII1	479	
Intgama1	4068	
Intgama5	3484	
Lirаz	1296	
Mafil	1091	
Medtech	551	
MedtechW	887	
MLLC1	184.00	-2.1
Rapac	1778	-0.5
Reshef	86.50	
ReshefC1	108.00	0.5
Team	3760	-0.2
TeamC1	185.00	
TeamC2		
Telsys	1284	
Toplace	309	-3.7
YaadC1	118.00	-0.8
Yasna	1241	
Yada1	808	2.9
Yona	626	-0.8

Industrials

Name	Price	%chg
ashotashk	227	-2.2
electrocp	3088	
isco	485	
solog	456	
wilger	221	-4.3
yekodast	442	-1.8
AclaraC	121.50	-2.4
AclindC		
AdacomC2	13.80	
Alliance	1534	-2.5
Alony	312	-6.2
AlonyW1		
Alumit1L	13530	
Angel	11771	
Argaman	580	
AryaC1	88.00	-1.7
Ashply	2247	-1.5
Ashplyc1	174.50	-0.3
AshplyW2	1098	-15.0
AshtromW1		
Ashtrom	448	
Atzmon	376	
AtzmonW1	185.00	-4.8
Azlauth	478	0.4
Bakron	545	0.2
BoulosC1	202	-0.5
Cables C2	280	-0.4
CablesC3	129.50	
CablesW3	381	
Caraline	1241	
Cargal	1888	-0.7
Castro	1553	-4.0
Chem	598	
CldSeC	276	1.1
CldStr0.1	2381	
Clind C8	203	-1.0
CycloneW	4188	
Cyclone1	11072	-10.0
Cyclone5	9045	-0.5
CyclonC1	153.00	
CyclonC2	127.00	
Dakorel	181.50	
DatronW2	1958	
Datron1	3923	0.7
Decision	510	-5.9
Dagem1	1148	-2.2
Delta 1	1541	-0.7
Delta5	1541	-4.8
DubekB	10979	
DubekR	11716	
EagleC		
EagleC2	45.00	
EagleW3	36.90	
Eagle1	92.00	
Edgar	387	-3.0
EdgarC2	138.00	
EldanTec	73.00	-2.0
ElbitW1	11371	-2.0
Elcoind	5815	-0.5
Elctrocs	858	-0.7
ElronW1	3.50	
Elctr 0.5	9313	1.5
ElectrG4	318	1.9
ElisC	285	-2.1
EshdRbtc	389	-1.5
Evrot	372	-3.1
Fertlzr5	2169	
Fert0.1	2513	
FeuchtW1	6558	
FeuchtW5	5858	
Five J	288	-0.7
FrutarC1	208	-1.9
FrutarC2	214	7.3
GiborC1	89.00	
GiborSab	571	5.0
GiborW2	580	
Golan	932	
Hamashbr1	1314	-7.0
Halshof1	475	
Halshof5	198.00	-2.0
Hod	349	
Holit	148.50	
IsrCan1	3385	-3.0
Jaf-ora	744	-2.0
Kadmany1	330	-0.9
Kadem	6052	
KademC2	178.50	0.3
Keter	544	
KitanC1	134.00	-3.9
KitanW1		
Kil	2884	0.5
Kil5	2814	
Lipski	2549	
Lodzia1	1319	-1.5
Lodzia4	1201	
LubotGal	197.50	-2.2
MacPell	290	
Magnetu	469	-0.2
Maxima1	1401	1.0
Maxima5	1347	1.0
Mei Eden	1015	
Modgal	1037	5.0
Mozaica1	414	-10.0
Mozaica5	374	-9.9
NegCeram	322	-3.0
Nechusht1	1117	-2.3
Nechusht5	730	-4.9
Neviot	1455	
NeviotW1		
Nice1	2012	0.8
NMC	480	
Ofis	1081	0.5
Ophir	272	-1.4
Ordil1	314	-7.4
Ordis	490	-2.8
PackerW2	7499	-2.0
Pargod	1911	-0.5
PazChem	537	-2.0
Pika	800	-9.0
PolgatA	421	0.5
PolgatC1	178.50	-2.4
Polygon	788	4.2
PolygonC	170.00	
PCB	880	0.5
Rabintex	694	-2.9
RabintxW	219	-5.2
Sanlakol	514	-3.0
Sano1	1434	
Sano5	1319	0.5
Selon	520	-6.5
Shemen	11246	-0.5
Spectrax	413	1.5
Steel	195.50	-1.8
Sunfrost	10298	
Taal	45298	-5.0
Tadiran	1165	
Tadea	1147	-1.0
Tiv	818	-3.0
Tobias1	374	-7.2
Topper	244	-5.6
TATC1	193.50	
TAT1	483	-1.9
Unibar1	1297	-6.0
Unibar5	374	-7.0
Vitsigo1	777	-2.0
Vulcan	242	-0.4
VulcanC	183.50	
Wardinon	17824	-1.9
WardinW3	10911	
YtongC2	494	
Zahavi	338	
Zika1	1911	1.0
Zika5	1720	
Zikri1	4949	-1.0
Zikri5	4479	-1.3
ZionCab1	1053	-3.0
Zoharind	520	

Property, Building & Agriculture

Name	Price	%chg
jacobshr	227	-4.0
zavad	367	-2.8
tzarfati	490	1.2
wallson	91805	-1.0
y.stang	221	
Airov	1998	
AirovC		
AirovW1L	559	-4.9
Arazim	255	-4.9
Arazim C1	177.50	1.4
Ariedan1	1251	-6.0
Assis	2595	
AssisC4	180.50	
AssisW2	1018	-19.7
Amuta	1187	0.3
AmutaC1	238	-0.8
AzorprC1	258	
AzorProp	848	
Baranol	1567	-0.3
Bayside5	33246	
BaysidC1	34882	
BenYaKer	3319	
BenYaKrW1	1099	
BenYharC	94.50	
BldgRes	4999	
Contrcr	1790	-3.0
DanKner	1724	-2.0
DanKnerC	167.00	-2.8
Darad1	275	-3.2
Dunber	5577	
DunbarCw	418	
Engel	648	-2.0
GoldHous	358	2.0
GldHousC	192.00	
Ispro	3147	0.3
Isralom	2043	
IsralomC	220	
IsrasC1	186.00	-2.9
Isras0.5	5565	2.0
Isras1	5890	-2.0
ICP5	21519	-7.0
Jaysour1	231	
Jordan	437	-0.2
LeznlC1	108.00	
Lznick	288	-0.4
Litshiz5	188.00	
Lumir1	3890	-1.0
MalibuC		
MalibuC2	115.50	0.4
Malibu1	1003	
MerLazC	243	0.4
MerLazC2	93.00	
MerLazW3	358	15.1
Microv	8986	0.8
Mishnasl	323	
MTM	3255	
NeotAdv	1759	-1.2
PriOr	7302	-0.2
RedSea	704	
Rogovin1L	1112	-1.6
Rogovin5	1075	2.0
Rolara	464	
SaharHlal		
Secom	335	-0.8
Shaked	602	-0.5
Tashluz	603	-2.0

Investment Companies

Name	Price	%chg
taya	1388	-0.5
Acksar1	1177	
Acksar2	1104	1.0
AfricC	859	-5.7
Ampa	130092	-2.2
Arad	7247	
Azr aC2	203	-3.3
ClalW3	3026	-4.0
Clal50	8818	
DanbarC	205	-1.9
Danbar1	3270	-1.0
Elem	4004	0.5
Emah	250	-1.2
ExportC4	273	
Hilan	408	-4.0
HilanW4	293	-4.9
Hiron5	7348	-5.5
Iscal	1555	-2.0
IDLC5	189.00	-2.1
JoelC1	172.60	
JoelC1A	172.00	
Kardan1	578	
KardanC2		
Kitel	465	-5.3
Magor1	2379	-10.0
Magor5	2416	-0.2
Molad	593	2.1
OcifC1	130.00	
OcifW1	5139	-5.3
Ofer	12858	-3.0
Pama0.1	1267	-8.3
Rim1	507	
Rim4	436	
SaharDev	2785	-0.5
Securit5	3089	
SecuritC	130.50	
SecuritW	851	-9.5
SAPANHASP	570	
TayaC	317	3.9
TzurC1	181.00	
TzurSHar	105.50	
Unico	7112	

Oil Exploration

Name	Price	%chg
MGN1	9277	

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Trade & Services

Name	Price	%chg
abiand	724	-1.5
arkia	880	-5.3
gliksk	549	2.0
kidins.	227	-2.2
lamberts	359	-6.5
mivtasha	1015	
ravays	2554	1.0
radasahil	344	
tlcl	829	
AllanW1	1224	-5.0
Contiac	909	-6.0
Detin1	4.00	
Docal	1435	-1.0
Dela	1156	0.5
Eltech	402	-0.7
Greenbrg	1058	-3.0
ILDCHOT	585	
Kind	273	-2.8
Kopel	289	-10.0
KopelC1	197.60	2.1
MZPK	489	-3.0
Ninun1	858	
Regency Ho	203	-2.8
TrendLin	1171	-0.3

Property, Building

Name	Price	%chg
a.dori	246	-6.5
abrahatz	108.50	-1.8
grandctr	198.50	-6.1
pandor	1100	-1.8
Adler	220	
Bar—Ton1	1980	
Caesrea1	5632	-9.0
Danly	4597	
Gazit	691	
GazitW1	372	-8.3
GzulC1	281	0.3
Lazrsich	257	-0.4
Lvnstn1	870	
Melleron	1003	0.3
Oz	251	
Rassco	3015	
Scandia	161.50	
ScandiaC	121.00	-1.6
UnicornG1	120.00	
Unicorn1	152.00	-2.9
Unicorn5	139.50	0.4
UnicorW3	84.00	0.8

Industrials

Name	Price	%chg
abcodisgn	192.50	-1.9
kadoorisgn	431	-0.2
lipman	2379	-1.2
maarivdd	872	-8.0
nisco	1844	-2.0
phyton	261	-5.1
reichart	2454	-10.0
tachem	585	5.0
totmauer	940	
viaatrik	163.00	
zimmetal	1330	-1.3
Adomlon1	251	
Baruch1	1880	
Baruch5	738	-1.2
Broshi1	426	-0.2
Dexter	2789	-2.0
Eltam	200	-0.5
Gaif	151.00	-1.3
King1	725	-2.0
Lahalan1	3883	-3.5
MapC1	128.50	2.0
Mani1	437	
MLT	1329	-2.5
Neca	31912	
NecaG1	201	
Ondlab	821	1.5
Orazit	382	
OrazitC	88.00	-0.8
OrdaPrnt	1780	-10.0
Pollak1	627	
Shladot	162.00	-10.0
Tasia	920	
TibnvG1		

Investment Companies

Name	Price	%chg
dasbent1	2858	-3.0
lidar	898	
marathon	70.50	
Allon	2084	-2.0
Binyan	90295	-10.0
Harman	2497	-2.0
Mirage	143.50	-0.3
MivtakG1		
Optima	380	-2.1
Regent1	354	2.0
Yissum	130.00	-1.9

Oil Exploration

Name	Price	%chg
DIKOEx1	2485	-7.2
Naphtha	34.50	-9.9

Two-sided trading

	AFTERNOON			MORNING		
Name	Price	% Change	Volume Shares	Price	% Change	Volume Shares
buildpr	645	-1.0		645	-1.1	11405
nacional	1452	-1.5	15200	1474		12420
Abjac	33.7	-5.2	900000	33.1	-7.0	949369
Ackerin	564	-1.0	48000	567	-0.5	14280
Adacom	36.5			36.5		
Afris 0.	422768	-2.0	160	427082	-1.0	190
Afrier	395859	-3.7	340	394831	-4.0	103
Agan	4449	-1.2	1600	4460	-1.0	3784
Agis	2488	-1.0	20800	2511		9768
Aryt	554		3600	554		31716
Avner	8.2	0.5	480000	8.2		1322245
Azorim	4681	-3.2	2800	4705	-2.7	3980
ALPM	14352	-1.5	480	14425	-1.0	480
Bezek	577		345000	577		162290
Boulo	250	-5.0	5500	251	-4.6	36238
Cables	1626	-1.0		1626	-1.0	5500
Clal Ele	31372	-0.5	2025	31530		712
Clal Tra	1063	-1.0	25500	1063	-1.0	18300
Clal 10	9250	-0.7	9900	9320		6543
Clalins	1333	-1.2	8100	1337	-1.0	9000
Cldstr 5	2308	-0.5	12600	2330	0.5	7457
Clinds	2044		68800	2044		22901
CohenDev	801	-7.2	7500	797	-7.8	11746
Danbar 5	2302	-4.2	4900	2272	-5.5	3649
Dead Sea	830	-1.2	130000	835	-0.7	52404
Delek	8397	-2.0	10000	8397	-2.0	8757
Discinv	22787	-0.7	3080	22729	-1.0	1424
Elbit	23318	0.7	2590	23144		1968
Elco	9620	-1.7	4960	9595	-2.0	1268
Elite 5	1591	-0.7	34000	1579	-1.5	17348
Elron	9237	-1.2	5250	9190	-1.8	2615
Evergr n	2584	-1.2	3000	2597	-0.8	3575
Export	1777	-1.2		1777	-1.2	1751
Fibi	47132	-1.0	980	46418	-2.5	914
Formula	1241	-4.5	1000	1234	-5.0	7817
Frstint1	35214	0.2	750	34072	-3.0	283
Frstint5	32812	-0.5	605	33059	0.2	719
Fruterom	1172	-0.7	12000	1178	-0.3	18068
Gehelet	6663	-3.0		6863	-3.0	417
Granit	522	-1.0		522	-0.9	30000
Hapoalm	443		205000	443		193878
Hapolm	8852	-1.0	28650	8919	-0.2	5884
IndBldg	446	-0.2	224000	439	-1.8	105125
IndDevBK	30739	-4.7	50	30658	-5.0	172
Isramco	9.6	-10.0	1680000	9.6	-10.3	
IsrCorp1	25766	-0.2	2040	25831		2289
IsrCorp5	25029		1625	25154	0.5	140
IsChem	278	-0.2	665000	279		415380
IDB	1177	-0.2	171000	1180		58884
IDBDev	63740	-0.7	1050	64222		431
ILDC	1332	-2.5	24000	1332	-2.5	21414
JEC	1396	-2.0	27600	1396	-2.0	16326
JOEL	180.0	-1.2	192000	182.5		420894
Kardan5	524	-5.0	24000	552		
Kitan	1137	-1.2	46800	1151		6876
Koor	24963	0.5	7050	24839		4217
Leumi	352	0.7	365000	348	-0.3	227999
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Maman	898	-2.0	12000	898	-2.0	17110
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MeirEzra	4054	2.5	19500	3955		10882
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Periclas	2470	-0.7	1800	2477	-0.5	6784
Petrchem	1252	-0.5	10800	1258		30905
Piryon	13579	-2.0	980	13544	-2.3	1579
PolgatB	428	-2.2	9000	429	-2.1	11200
Poseidon	130.5	-6.5	8000	129.5	-7.2	42312
Rogosin	4268	-0.7	6000	4268	-0.7	10630
SelaPump	186.0	-2.0	168000	185.5	-2.4	60656
SupersIB	5503	-1.2	11500	5559	-0.3	9638
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Teva	82306	-0.5	2900	81686	-1.3	1444
TevaC	452	-1.2	6000	453	-1.1	12070
Tibnveal	605	-6.0	16500	604	-6.2	12080
TAT5	401	-2.2	33000	400	-2.4	20199
Urdan 0.	393	-1.2		393	-1.3	25226
Yaad	710	-1.7	4000	710	-1.8	7424
Ytong	947	-1.7	22000	957	-0.7	13965

Market pulled lower by lack of enthusiasm

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

ANDRE LUMBROSO

Two-Sided Index	Maof Index	Karam Index
192.09 -0.62%	195.28 -0.46%	173.74 -1.19%

TRADING yesterday was the classic autumn blues.

Morning trading was characterized by overall lethargy, as the market nudged slowly downwards by 1.2% at midday. The Two-Sided trading showed slight declines of some 1% to 191 at midday, with the Maof dropping some 1.2%.

A late afternoon upswing saved the day somewhat, closing with a general market decline of 0.81% to 182.72.

Morning trading was characterized by excess demand of NIS 20 million on supply of NIS 89m., with the Karam suffering most from excess supply.

Trading was weak, or as one broker put it: "Generally, no one is buying, the atmosphere is down. There's no interest and nobody is getting excited."

While in the first round of trading investors were interested in taking advantage of the lows registered the previous day, the trend of all shares declining by the same amount continued.

Optimists called this another in*dication of market stabilization.*

By 2 p.m. the question on everyone's mind was "will things pick up by the end of the day?"

The options market acted as an early warning system, indicating that it would.

Before 2:30 p.m. the Maof call options began rising, while puts began falling. Demand for Koor and other heavy shares rose, so no major rises or declines were experienced, with the exception of Isramco.

Bank Leumi rose slightly, 0.09%, on a turnover of NIS 2m. Koor went up 0.05% on a turnover of NIS 2.7m., ICL slipped 0.4% on a turnover of NIS 3m., Dead Sea Works dropped 1.3% on a turnover of NIS 1.5m., and Teva fell 0.50% on a turnover of NIS 3.5m.

Isramco, which fell 10.3% but was traded on a turnover of NIS 161,300, was accused of contributing to "a bit of an unpleasant atmosphere," according to one trader.

The oil exploration sector overall dropped 4.7%.

The bond market was mixed, but featured more demand due to the *0.06% rise to 139.19* experienced by index-linked bonds.

Trading in dollar-linked bonds was mixed, with real dollar-linked bonds falling 0.48% to 139.78. The general bond market did not change and closed, as it had the day before, at 138.82.

One reason given for yesterday's sluggishness was both the traditional October-November slowdown and continuing high interest rates.

Shalom Har-Oz – CEO of Storm Finance Markets, portfolio managers for the options market – said the sudden change in trend was a result of two factors.

"First, there were well-founded rumors that the introduction of a capital gains tax would be postponed," Har-Oz said. "Second, perhaps in reaction to the first, high market players entered the futures and options trading and closed the gap [between the option and share markets]."

FTSE Index closes 13.6 points higher

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) – The FTSE 100 closes higher but well below the session's best levels, reflecting US and British inflation concerns.

The FTSE ended up 13.6 at 3,097.4.

FRANKFURT - German shares held on to pre-bourse gains to end the bourse session firmer but off intraday highs as profit-taking pulled the DAX Index back to floor trade opening levels.

The DAX ended at 2,071.63, up 31.31 points, or 1.53 percent.

PARIS - The French share market is closed today and tomorrow for the All Saints day holiday.

The CAC-40 Index closed on Friday at 1,905.69, up 47.48 points, or 2.56%.

ZURICH - Swiss shares ended higher in moderately active trade. The SPI up 11.45 to 1,662.15.

TOKYO - Tokyo stocks ended higher as the strength of US financial markets after Friday's gross domestic product data triggered some short-covering in the futures and cash markets.

The Nikkei ended 184.44 points, or 0.93% higher at 19,989.60.

HONG KONG - A rally on Wall Street unleashed a flood of pent-up buying demand that drove Hong Kong stocks up nearly 3%.

The Hang Seng index rallied 266.78 points to end at 9,646.25.

SYDNEY - The Australian share market finished higher on thin volume after offshore financial markets surged on Friday.

Offshore markets strengthened following the release of US third quarter Gross Domestic Product data, which showed strong, low inflationary growth.

The All Ordinaries Index closed 23.6 points, or 1.17% higher at 2,044.8.

JOHANNESBURG - South African gold share losses deepened by the close on the back of bullion's slide on Friday, while industrials managed to hang on to some of their earlier gains.

The Overall Index was down 27 to 5,723 and the industrial index rose to 6,604. The gold index was down 66 to 2,224.

Dow endures profit-taking

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) – Stocks ended mostly lower yesterday as investors sold shares that ran up in the previous session's sharp advance.

Smaller capitalization stocks, however, fared better as investors snapped up technology shares, many of which are concentrated on the Nasdaq market.

On Friday, the Dow Jones industrial average surged 55.51 points, while broader market indexes also ended higher following a sharp advance in the bond market.

The 30-year US Treasury bond's yield, which moves in the opposite direction to price, dropped below *eight percent for the first time in a* week after a report on third-quarter gross domestic product showed inflation seems under control.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks fell 22.54 points to 3,908.12.

Declining issues outnumbered advances by about 9 to 8 on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,043 up, 1,173 down and 675 unchanged.

The NYSE's composite index fell 0.24 to 258.69, while Standard and Poor's 500-stock index lost 1.42 to 472.35. The Nasdaq composite index rose 1.47 to 777.62. At the American Stock Exchange, the market value index rose 0.41 to 458.57.

INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

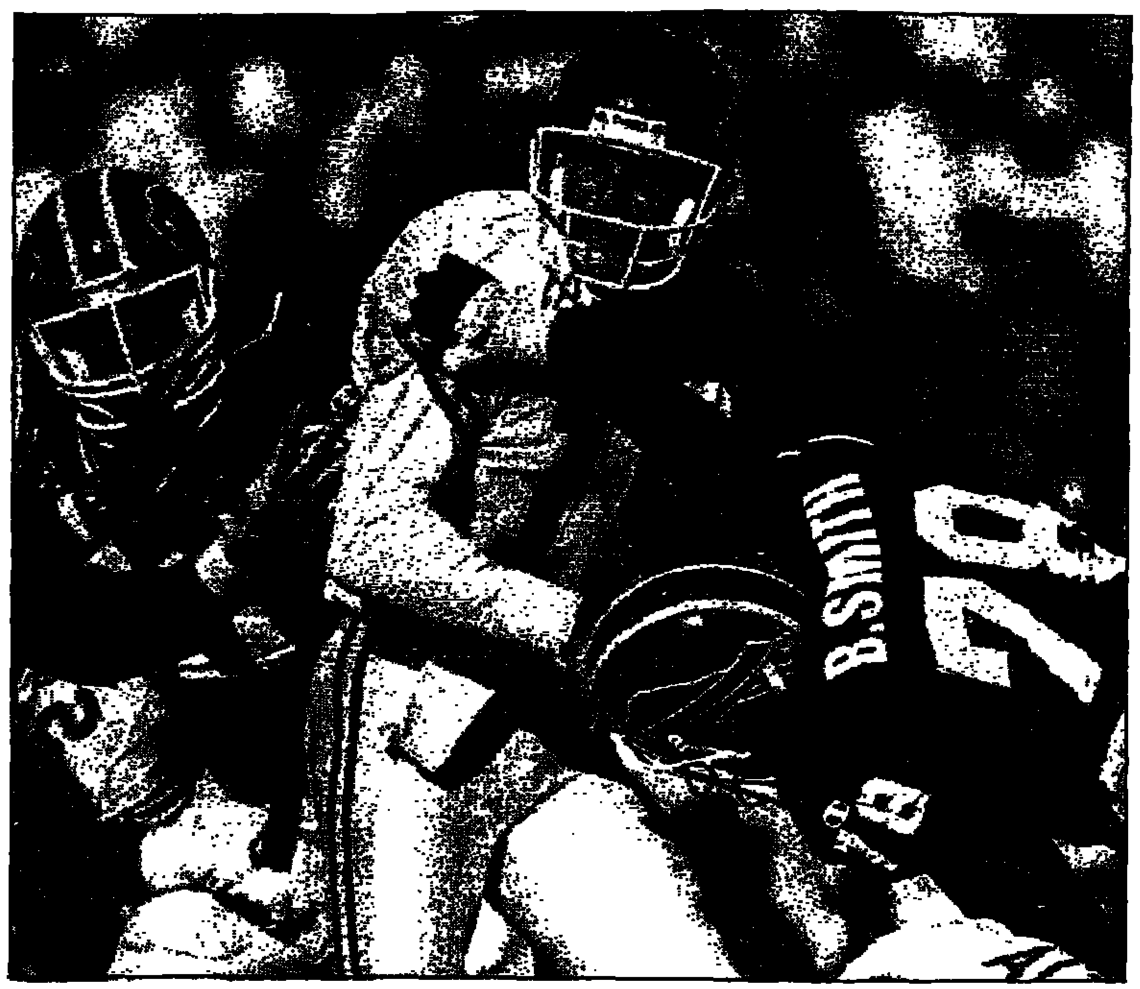
Source: CommStock Trading Ltd.

CURRENCY CROSS-RATES

	MARK	STERLING	YEN	SFr	FFr
MARK	—	0.4064/67	64.43/46	0.8347/50	3.4220/25
STERLING	2.4594/04	—	158.47/59	2.0524/49	8.4141/26
YEN	1.5511/24	0.6305/11	—	1.2946/65	5.3074/32
SFr	1.1971/85	0.4866/72	77.17/22	—	4.0963/20
FFr	0.2921/23	0.1187/88	18.81/8N	0.2438/41	—

Prices from 22:00 local time

Broncos returning to contention



BEFORE THE CRUNCH – Kansas City quarterback Joe Montana fires off a pass an instant before Buffalo's defensive end Bruce Smith reaches him. (Reuter)

DENVER (AP) – John Elway and the Denver Broncos are ready to play the second half of the season.

In the past two weeks, the lowly Broncos have risen from the bottom of the AFC West to beat teams with the NFL's best record.

Last week, it was previously undefeated San Diego. On Sunday, it was Cleveland as Elway completed 30 of 41 passes for 349 yards and two touchdowns in a 26-14 victory over the Browns (6-2), one of three teams entering play with one loss.

"We're slowly clawing our way back into this thing," Elway said. "But we've got to get to .500 before we even think about the playoffs."

Over the next four weeks, the Broncos (3-5) play the Los Angeles Rams and are home against Seattle, Atlanta and Cincinnati. By then the Broncos could be right back in the playoff picture.

Elway, who led the Broncos to *three wins over the Browns in* three AFC championship games, picked apart the Browns defense, which entered the game allowing the *fewest points in* the league. He was 18 of 20 in the first half as the Broncos led 14-7, and then hit Glyn Milburn with a 17-yard TD pass for the clinching score.

Browns coach Bill Belichick said he has "seen Elway have great days before, and today was as good as any. He hit (receivers) in the flat, over the middle and long. He threw the ball everywhere he could."

Before Elway's pass to Milburn, Mark Rypien, who replaced a dazed Vinny Testaverde late in the first half, engineered a 60-yard scoring drive and two-point conversion that cut the deficit to 20-14 early in the final quarter.

Testaverde has a mild neck sprain and his status was not known.

Lions 28, Giants 25 (OT)

Jason Hanson kicked a 24-yard field goal with 8:17 left in overtime, and visiting Detroit (4-4) handed New York (3-5) its fifth straight loss.

Barry Sanders had 146 yards and helped set up Hanson's winning kick in a game in which several officiating calls hurt the Giants. On the winning drive, Scott Mitchell hit Herman Moore, who had two TD receptions, for 29 yards to the Giants' 7 on a play where the receiver *was knocked to a knee by Jarvis* Williams at the 36. The officials also made questionable calls on a TD reception and a pass interference that led to Detroit scores.

Dave Meggett had a 56-yard punt return for a fourth-quarter TD and the Giants added a two-point conversion to tie it at 18 before Mitchell hit Moore from a yard out. The Giants sent the game into OT on Dave Brown's 7-yard TD pass to Aaron Pierce.

Colts 28, Jets 25

Don Majkowski made his first NFL start in two years a winning one, passing for one TD and running for another for the host Colts (4-5), who survived *five turnovers.*

Mo Lewis *put* the Jets (4-4) back *in* the game when he returned an interception 18 yards for a score. A two-point conversion pass made it 21-18. Marshall Faulk, who had a 1-yard TD run in the third quarter, added the clinching score on a fourth-down, 29-yard carry midway through the final period.

Faulk finished with *110* yards on *24* carries and Majkowski was 14 for 22 for 159 yards in starting for Jim Harbaugh.

Eagles 31, Redskins 29

Eddie Murray kicked a 30-yard field goal with 19 seconds left to lift the visiting Eagles, who forced rookie Gus Frerotte into two interceptions and a fumble. The Redskins had taken a 29-28 lead with 3:58 left on Chip Lohmiller's 40-yard field goal.

Randall Cunningham had a rough start as Washington led 17-7 at the half, but he led three long scoring drives as the Eagles (6-2) won their fifth straight against the Redskins (2-7). Cunningham finished 18 of 31 for 165 yards and a TD pass to Herschel Walker, who also scored on a 1-yard run. Frerotte was 13 of 30 for 181 yards *and three TD* passes.

Raiders 17, Oilers 14

Jeff Hostetler threw an 11-yard TD pass to Tim Brown with 1:50 left, and the host Raiders (4-4) won when Al Del Greco's 52-yard field goal attempt slammed against the crossbar and bounced back onto the field as time expired.

The Oilers (1-7) had taken a 14-10 lead on Billy Joe Tolliver's 7-yard TD pass to Haywood Jeffires with 3:19 left. Tolliver started in place of the injured Cody Carlson. He finished 19 for 43 for 226 yards.

Hostetler was 15 for 29 for 151 yards with two interceptions. Harvey Williams had 128 yards rushing.

Bills 44, Chiefs 10

Jim Kelly threw four TD passes and Bruce Smith harassed Joe Montana all day as host Buffalo (5-3) *showed it can still win big games.*

Smith forced an interception and recovered one of Montana's two fumbles in what looked like a replay of last year's AFC championship game. In that game, Smith helped knock out Montana with a concussion early in the second half and Buffalo won 30-13 to earn its fourth consecutive Super Bowl berth.

Dolphins 23, Patriots 3

Dan Marino outdueled Drew Bledsoe again. This time it wasn't close. Marino *threw* for 198 yards and a TD on the opening drive of the second half for visiting Miami (6-2). Bledsoe, the NFL leader in passing yards, threw for just 125 yards and three interceptions, leading to 10 Dolphins points.

Cowboys 23, Bengals 20

The host Bengals (0-8) blew their best chance to win this season against *the league's best team. After trailing* 14-0, Dallas (7-1) rebounded as Troy Aikman threw two TD passes and Chris Boniol kicked three second-half field goals.

Cardinals 20, Steelers 17

The host Cardinals (3-5) got an immediate break to start overtime. Rookie Charles Johnson fumbled the kickoff at the Arizona 32. David Merritt recovered and, four plays later, Greg Davis made a 51-yard field goal to win it.

Vikings 36, Buccaneers 13

Cornerback Anthony Parker scored a TD in his third straight game – a 41-yard interception return – and visiting *Minnesota (6-2) forced five turnovers.* Parker had an interception return against the New York Giants on October 10 and returned a fumble for a score against Green Bay 10 days later.

Chargers 35, Seahawks 15

Gale Gilbert replaced the injured Stan Humphries and threw two fourth-quarter TD passes and safety Stanley Richard forced two fumbles to set up two more scores for host San Diego (7-1).

Sunday's results:

Dallas 23, Cincinnati 20
Detroit 28, New York Giants 25 (OT)
Buffalo 44, Kansas City 10
Philadelphia 31, Washington 29
Miami 23, New England 3
Denver 26, Cleveland 14
LA Raiders 17, Houston 14
Minnesota 36, Tampa Bay 13
Indianapolis 28, NY Jets 25
San Diego 35, Seattle 15
Arizona 20, Pittsburgh 17 (OT)
LAST NIGHT: Green Bay at Chicago
OPEN DATE: Atlanta, Los Angeles Rams, New Orleans, San Francisco.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	Pf	Pa
Dallas	7	1	0	.875	210	110
Philadelphia	6	2	0	.750	192	141
N.Y. Giants	3	5	0	.375	152	172
Arizona	3	5	0	.375	109	172
Washington	2	7	0	.222	196	242
Central	W	L	T	Pct.	Pf	Pa
Minnesota	6	2	0	.750	183	118
Chicago	4	3	0	.571	129	129
Detroit	4	4	0	.500	155	170
Green Bay	3	4	0	.429	117	97
Tampa Bay	2	6	0	.250	109	195
West	W	L	T	Pct.	Pf	Pa
San Francisco	6	2	0	.750	237	150
Atlanta	4	4	0	.500	158	184
LA Rams	3	5	0	.375	135	156
New Orleans	3	5	0	.375	156	208

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	Pf	Pa
Miami	6	2	0	.750	203	149
Buffalo	5	3	0	.625	178	153
N.Y. Jets	4	4	0	.500	141	150
Indianapolis	4	5	0	.444	195	211
New England	3	5	0	.375	178	206
Central	W	L	T	Pct.	Pf	Pa
Cleveland	6	2	0	.750	180	105
Pittsburgh	5	3	0	.625	141	137
Houston	1	7	0	.125	107	172
Cincinnati	0	8	0	.000	121	203
West	W	L	T	Pct.	Pf	Pa
San Diego	7	1	0	.875	220	141
Kansas City	5	3	0	.625	169	175
LA Raiders	4	4	0	.500	180	192
Denver	3	5	0	.375	182	206
Seattle	3	5	0	.375	168	159

Hick hammers 172 to put England in command

PERTH (Reuter) – Graeme Hick hammered 172 with a superb display of attacking strokeplay to put England in complete command against Western Australia at the WACA ground yesterday.

Hick's 78th first-class century was made with mounting power and authority as England surged to 393 for six in its second innings – a lead of 400 – at the close on the third day of the four-day match.

An *overnight declaration now seems likely* and that would give Michael Atherton's side the whole of the last day to bowl out Western Australia and begin its first-class program with a victory.

That likely declaration was set up by brutal batting from Hick and John Crawley (67 not out), the pair taking full toll of a tiring attack to add 151 for the fifth wicket *in 33 overs.*

Beginning relatively sedately, Hick took almost 150 minutes for his first 50 but then began to open up, reaching his century only 72 minutes later. That landmark was achieved in 221 minutes and 189 balls with 17 fours.

Hick then launched a whirlwind assault. His third 50 took just 33 minutes and 25 balls with 10 fours, five of them coming off successive deliveries from debutant Sean Cary.

At one stage Hick and Crawley took the score from *250 to 300 in just six overs with West Australian* captain Damien Martyn powerless to stop the onslaught.

Hick's departure, caught behind driving at Cary, failed to stem the flow, and Crawley reached his first half-century for England soon afterwards in 112 balls with his ninth four.

Earlier, both captain Atherton (35) and Graham Gooch (68) had looked in encouraging form after resuming at the overnight 37 without loss.

However, Graham Thorpe (14) and Mike Gatting (6) both endured their second failures of the match, with neither middle order batsman looking in especially good form.

No Western Australian *bowler was completely* spared from the carnage, but Tom Moody was curiously ignored by his captain until late into the final session after bowling eight overs for just two runs and the wicket of Atherton before lunch.

Hick said of his innings: "Playing tests and first-class matches produce totally different atmospheres so I can't really comment on whether that was my best.

"I was a little disappointed to get out thanks to a *lapse in concentration* as we were looking to push on.

"It was nice to spend so much time in the middle early on in the tour and get some runs under my belt. I just hope I can keep ticking over now, but I'll be starting my next innings on nought."

Team manager Keith Fletcher said: "Graeme's century was a very fine innings and it was good that he pushed on as it means we can declare overnight without the need to bat on.

"But with Graham Gooch, Michael Atherton and John Crawley also getting runs there were quite a few *plus points.*"

However, Fletcher refused to press the panic button following the double failures of Gatting and Thorpe.

"It's too early to worry about Mike, he's a very fine player and he'll come good.

"And although Graham must be positive, he's got out twice playing his shots so perhaps he needs to get his head down a bit," he said.

Baseball may get new league

NEW YORK (Reuter) – Influential players' agent Richard Moss heads a group who today will unveil a rival league to strike-paralyzed Major League Baseball, a source close to the organizers said on Sunday.

Founders of the United Baseball League have called a news conference in New York to announce their plans to field the first new major league in 80 years. They gave no details, and identified only public relations spokesmen.

The source, who declined to be identified, said Moss had the backing of a number of other players' agents.

In earlier, exploratory stages, Moss, a former counsel to the players' union, said he had received backing for a new league from 10 agents representing almost half of the approximately 700 striking Major League Baseball players.

The players went on strike on August 12 and owners subsequently canceled the rest of the season and post-season, including the first World Series to be wiped out in 90 years.

It remains to be seen whether the United League will ever get to the point of renting stadiums and playing games, or whether it will turn out simply to be a negotiating tool to give the players more leverage over the owners.

The only previous rival league to play games, the Federal League, opened to great fanfare in 1914 by inducing a number of stars to jump leagues.

But that challenge lasted only two seasons as the National and American Leagues reached a settlement compensating Federal League owners with money and the right to buy two franchises.

Eyal Shartov retrieves a ball during the National Wheelchair Tennis Championships held at Ramat Hasharon this week. Some 70 disabled athletes took part in the event. Shartov was crowned men's champion and Tiki Aharoni won the women's title.(Hanoch Guthman)

Hapoel TA hoopsters meet Banka Brno tonight

JOEL GORDIN

HAPOEL Tel Aviv basketball team tonight hosts Czechoslovakia's Banka Brno in the second leg of the final preliminary round of the European Cup.

The Israelis won the first leg last week, 79-72, and thus need to either win the game or lose by less than eight points to advance to the best-of-12 semifinal round which starts November 22 and ends February 6.

Participation in the contest could help ease Tel Aviv's crushing financial burden. Already the debt-ridden club has been fined four league points for failing to pay Tomer Steinhauer money owed from last season. That leaves the team in the league's cellar with nine points, although the four points may be "refunded" if the debt is paid.

Hapoel has, according to reports, asked Histadrut chairman Haim Ramon for a grant of NIS 5 million to tide them over.

The Ussishkin game will be shown live on cable's Sports Channel at 8:30.

Meanwhile, Hapoel Jerusalem has left for Spain to play Taugres in another European Cup matchup. Jerusalem won the first leg at Malha 91-82, but the Spain game is certain to be tougher. It will be played at the odd hour of 12 noon. Jonathan Dalzell, whose wife is expected to give birth today, remained here.

Venables under fire from BBC show

LONDON (AP) – England soccer coach Terry Venables has a tough enough job trying to lift the spirits of a team that failed to make the World Cup. Now he's back in the spotlight over accusations about his business affairs.

Two days after the British government's Serious Fraud Office said it was planning to investigate deal*ings of his collapsed company, Edennote, the* British Broadcasting Corporation, in its Panorama program, accused Venables of unlawfully taking some £440,000 from the company.

Venables, who is suing the Panorama program for libel over previous allegations, has always denied doing anything wrong.

But the massive publicity that followed the latest allegations has piled even more pressure on the former Tottenham and Barcelona coach and his bosses, the English Football Association.

The FA appointed Venables as England coach after an embarrassing failure by Graham Taylor to get the team to the World Cup. In exhibition games under Venables England has won three games and tied two.

While things have gone reasonably well on the field, Venables' off-field business activities have come under close scrutiny.

According to news reports of the program, the Panorama investigation questions Venables' account of how a £1 million loan was secured in his bid to gain joint ownership of Tottenham in 1991.

The program says Venables insists it was an unsecured loan. Panorama's allegation is that it was secured, linked to a sale and leaseback agreement on some bars owned by a firm called Transatlantic Inns, of which Venables was a director.

Some news reports have said that one of the bars did not exist.

Panorama also says that Venables set up an arrangement with Edennote by which he should claim the bulk of its assets should the company fail. After it did, Venables obtained some £440,000 to which he was not entitled, the program alleged.

Venables was not available for comment yesterday but said in a statement through his lawyers at the weekend he could "hardly believe" the Serious Fraud Office was investigating his affairs.

"Neither I nor my advisers have heard anything to my detriment from either the SFO or the DTI (De*partment of Trade and Industry),*" *he said.*

"This is hardly credible that in a matter of this gravity to myself and clearly to the media these bodies would relay information before I myself have been contacted.

"In the circumstances I can hardly believe that I am facing such an investigation."

About the Panorama program, he said "I *antici*pate (it) will be equally misleading.

"However I am left with no option but to wait for the program and to take such action as I am then advised."

Russian 'dream team' to go on hockey tour

SAN JOSE (Reuter) – A Russian "Dream Team" of National Hockey League players is planning to return home for a 10-day, five-game charity exhibition tour *through Russia beginning next* week.

With the NHL season on hold due to a labor dispute, now in its 31st day with no end in sight, a who's who of Russian ice hockey talent will make a historic return to Moscow on November 4, former Soviet star and San Jose Sharks forward Igor Larionov an*nounced at a news conference* yesterday.

The tour will feature the current crop of Russian NHL superstars as well as members of the Soviet "Red Machine" that dominated international ice hockey for so many years.

Heading the list for the planned November 4 to 14 tour is last season's NHL Most Valuable Player Sergei Federov of the Detroit Red Wings and the league's leading goal scorer, Pavel Bure, of the Vancouver Canucks.

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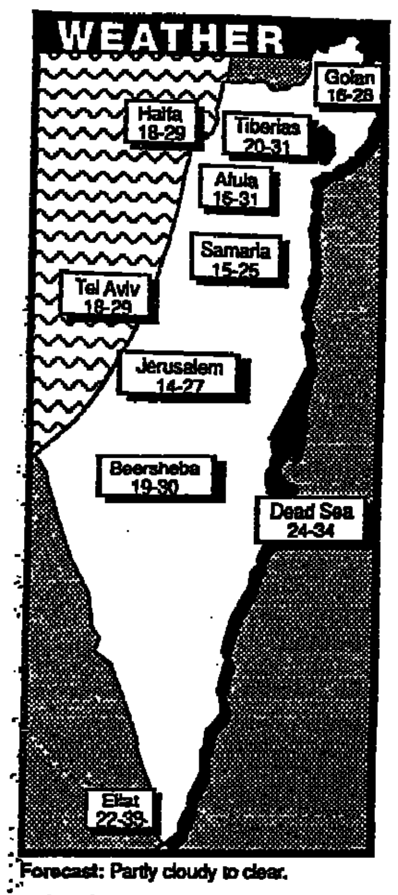

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Copenhagen	07	45	09	49	rain
Frankfurt	14	57	15	59	rain
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Netanya: Netanya, 11 Herzl, 822842.

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Haifa: Derech Hayam, 209 Derech Hayam, 371472.

Herzliya: Clal Pharm, Beit Merkazim, 6 Maskit (cnr. Sderot Hagalim), Herzliya Pituah, 558472, 558407. Open 9 a.m. to midnight.

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Magen David Adom

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

Ofer Shikartsi and Shmuel Segal in a scene from 'Children of the Heart.'

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

CONVERSATIONS with My Father is Herb (*I'm Not Rappoport*) Gardner's funny, catch-at-the-heart play about a Jewish family trying to make it in America, about Jewishness and about relations between father and son. The story is about what happens to Eddy (Sasson Gabai), his seedy bar and his family as seen through the eyes of son Charley (Ami Weinberg). Hy Kalus directs. Adrian Vaux has done the set and Dan Almagor the translation. Tonight on the Haifa Theater main-stage at 8:30 p.m. (Hebrew).

Children of the Heart was adapted and directed by Tsafrir Kurtsia and Guy Or from David Grossman's *See Under: Love.* Audience and critics made approving noises at this year's Acre Festival. While Grossman's searing exploration into what constitutes humanity occasionally boils over into melodrama in the stage version, the play engrosses nevertheless. It stars Ofer Shikartsi and Shmuel Segal. Tonight and tomorrow in ZOA House at 9 p.m. (Hebrew)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra's lunchtime Open Studio series opens today (1 p.m.) at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem. The major goal of this series of concerts is to showcase local musicians as well as at least one major Israeli or contemporary work in each program. Today's concert focuses on French composer Henri Dutilleux whose works were performed by the orchestra in the past week. Today Lithuanian cellist David Geringas performs Dutilleux's cello concerto while the orchestra, under music director David Shallon, performs the overture to Anton Rubinstein's opera *Maccabees* as well as Dvorak's symphonic poem Wood Dove.

TELEVISION

PENNY STARR

OLD shows never die, they just come back as reruns. That's why we get *Beverly Hills 90210* from the very beginning when Dylan's hair hadn't started receding and the theme music hadn't been jazzed up. It's showing on Channel 6 daily at 4:40 p.m. Channel 3 is showing another oldie, *Love Boat*, weekdays at 4:55 p.m. It's good, clean nostalgic fun, not only to see those horrible '70s suits with wide lapels and halter-neck dresses, but also because the guest stars are all familiar faces from other popular old shows. The greatest oldie of the day, *Leave It to Beaver*, is on Jordan TV at the prime mid-evening time of 8:30 p.m. Happy memories.

FILMS

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★ SIRENS – *A Midsummer Night's Dream* meets *Lady Chatterley's Lover* meets the strict spirit of Jesse Helms in John Duigan's pleasant new film, set in Australia in the late 1920s. The movie centers around a priggish pastor (Hugh Grant), his sexually curious wife, the bohemian painter Norman Lindsay, and his trio of statuesque models. To Duigan's credit, he doesn't strain to issue another tired statement about free expression in art or sexual liberation. He's for it. Throughout most of the film he spends his best energies as the painter Lindsay does, creating for our delectation numerous striking landscapes of curvy hillsides and rolling female flanks. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children.)

CINEMA

JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE **A Passing Season 7 ★ The Quince Tree Sun 9 ★ Vivre Sa Vie 9:30 G.G. GIL Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 788448 Clear and Present Danger 4, 7, 10 ★ Forrest Gump 4, 7, 9:45 ★ True Lies 5 ★ Blown Away 5, 7:30, 10 ★ The Client 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ Wyatt Earp 8:30 ★ The Specialist 5, 7:30, 10** JERUSALEM THEATER **Burnt by the Sun 6:45, 9:30** ORION **True Romance 5, 7:15, 9:15 ★ Reality Bites•Serial Mom•Mario, Maria, Mario•Aya 5, 7:30, 9:30 RAV CHEN 1-7 ☎ 792799 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 794477** Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot **The Sirens•Four Weddings and a Funeral•The Distance 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ When a Man Loves a Woman 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ I Love Trouble 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Speed 7:30, 9:45 ★ Wolf 7:15, 9:45 ★ Baby's Day Out•The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 5 RON 1-2 ☎ 234704 1 Rabbi Akiva St. Threesome•Speed 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ The Lion King (English dialogue) 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 5 ★ Speed 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Threesome 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 CINEMATHEQUE Strawberry and Chocolate 5, 7:30, 9:45 Dekel Wolf 7:15, 9:30** DIZENGOFF 1-3 ☎ 200485 Dizengoff **Center True Romance•Mr. Wonderful 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Rouge 3, 9:45 ★ Bleu 1, 7:30 ★ Blanc 11 a.m., 5:15 DRIVE IN Reality Bites 10 ★ Sex Film 12 midnight GAN HA'IR ☎ 5279215 The Hudsucker Proxy 5, 7:30, 9:45 GAT ☎ 6967888* 26 Ibn Gabirol St. Four Weddings and a Funeral 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 GORDON ☎ 5236992 87 Ben Yehuda St. The Woman Who Made Sesame Oil 6, 8 ★ Orlando 10 G.G. HOD 1-4 ☎ 5228090** Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. **Forrest Gump•Clear and Present Danger 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ The Client 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ True Lies 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10 LEV 1-4 ☎ 5288288 Natural Born Killers 12 noon, 2, 4:45, 7:30, 10 ★ Naked 12 noon, 5:45 ★ Mario, Maria, Mario 12:15, 2:15, 5, 7:45, 10 ★ Wyatt Earp 12 noon, 2, 4, 8, 10 MAXIM Drix's Brother 7:30, 9:30 RAV-OR 1-5 ☎ 5102674* Opera House Slingshot•The Sirens•The Distance•Serial Mom 5:30, 9 G.G. SHAHAF 1-2 ☎ 5271645 Kikar Namir Forrest Gump•Clear and Present Danger 4:30, 7:15, 10:15 G.G. TAYELET 1-3 ☎ 5177952** 2 Yona Hanavi St., **The Client 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Reality Bites 5, 7:15, 10 ★ Aya 5, 7:30, 10 G.G. TEL AVIV ☎ 5281181** 65 Pinsker St. **The Specialist•Blown Away 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Wyatt Earp 5:30, 9:15 TEL AVIV MUSEUM ☎ 6961297** 27 Shaul Hamelekh Boulevard **Nani Moretti's Diary 5, 7:45, 10 ZAFON ☎ 5443966** 18 Louis Marshall St. **Burnt by the Sun 4, 7**

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BAT YAM
RAV CHEN ☎ 5531077 Blown Away•When a Man Loves a Woman 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Four Weddings and a Funeral•The 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Wyatt Earp 6, 9:30

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HADERA
LEV 1-4 ☎ 343555 The Specialist 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Forrest Gump 4:30, 7:15, 10 7:30, 10

HERZLIYA
MANDARIN The Client•When a Man Loves a Woman 7:30, 10 DANIEL HOTEL **☎ 544044 THE AUDITORIUM Mr. Wonderful 7:30, 9:30 STAR ☎ 589068** 29 Sokolov St. **Forrest Gump 7:15, 10 ★ Blown Away 10 ★ Wyatt Earp 6:45 ★ The Specialist 7:15, 9:30**

KARMIEL
CINEMA 1–3 ☎ 887277 The Client•I Love Trouble•Four Weddings and a Funeral 7, 9:30

KFAR SAVA
G.G. GIL The Specialist 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Clear and Present Danger 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ Blown Away 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Forrest Gump 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ Baby's Day Out 10 ★ I Love Trouble 4:45, 7:15, 10

KIRYAT BIALIK
G.G. KIRYON 1-9 ☎ 779166 The Client•Clear and Present Danger 7, 9:30 ★ Baby's Day Out•Blank Check•Monkey Trouble•Getting Even With Dad 4:45 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 4:45 ★ Speed•Blown Away•The Specialist•Forrest Gump 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ Mr. Wonderful 7, 9:30 ★ Natural Born Killers 7, 9:30

KIRYAT MALACHI
HAKIRYA True Lies 4:30, 7, 9:30 MOFET Reality Bites 7:15, 9:30

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OR YEHUDA
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PETAH TIKVA
G.G. HECHAL 1-3 ☎ 9300844 Forrest Gump 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ The Specialist•I Love Trouble 5, 7:30, 10 G. G. RAM 1-3 ☎ 9340818 The Client•Clear and Present Danger 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ Blown Away 5, 7:30, 10

RA'ANANA
PARK Blown Away 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Three Ninja Kid•The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 5 ★ When a Man Loves a Woman 7:30, 10 ★ Speed•Baby's Day Out 5 ★ Forrest Gump 7.15, 10 ★ The Specialist 5, 7:30, 9:30

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RAMAT HASHARON
KOKHAV ☎ 5491979 Speed 7, 9:30

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REHOVOT
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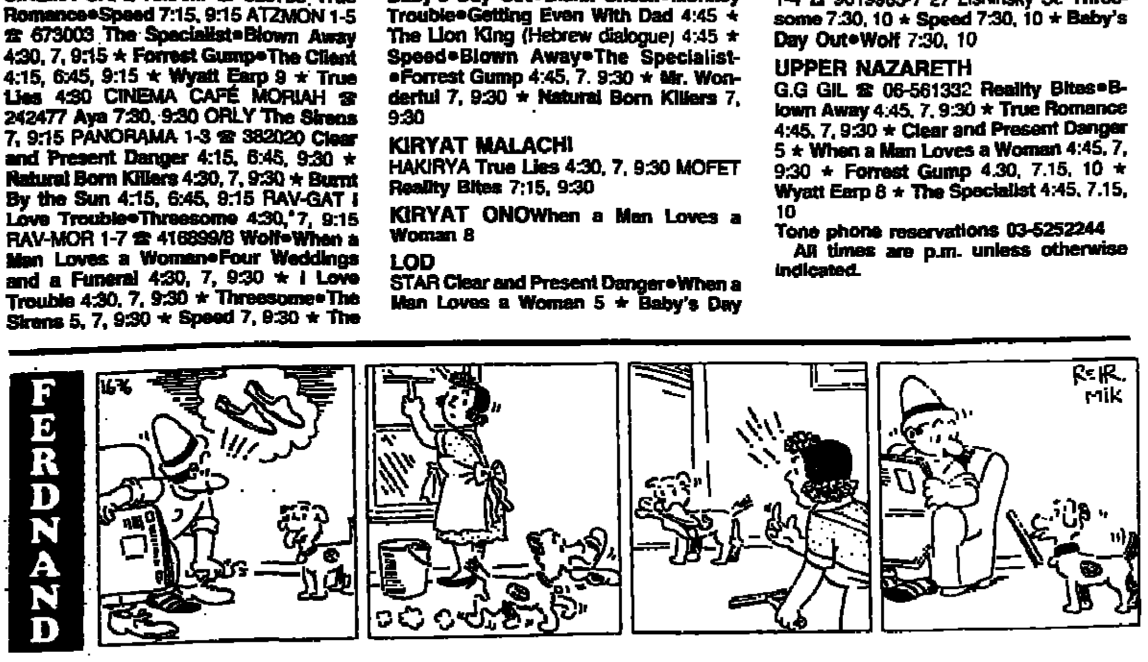

TELEVISION

■ CHANNEL 1

6:30 News in Arabic **6:45** Cartoon **7:00** Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 The American Chronicles – documentary series looking at events from the end of WWI to the end of the 1960s **8:30** Literature **9:00** Arithmetic **9:25** Cartoons **9:35** Fable Land **9:40** Arabic stories **9:55** Education News Flash **10:00** Family Relations **10:30** A Matter of Time **11:00** Science and Technology **11:25** Science **11:35** English: Candy Can Do It **11:55** Education News Flash **12:00** Israeli Geography **12:25** Science **12:45** Nature **12:50** Literature of the World **13:30** Keep Fit **13:55** Education News Flash **14:00** Pingo – cartoon **14:05** The Mailman – cartoon **14:20** Cartoon **14:30** Simon and the Witch **14:45** Stories of Allon Street **15:00** News program for children

■ CHANNEL 1

15:30 Tom and Jerry **16:00** Zap to One **17:00** A New Evening **17:35** The Borrowers **18:00** Rugrats **18:15** News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Apropos **19:00** News in Arabic

HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 All's Chaos in the Family – Israeli comedy **20:00** Mabat **20:55** Live broadcast of Lotto results **21:00** Roseanne **21:30** A Second Look – investigative program **22:30** Entertainment with Yair Lapid **23:30** News magazine hosted by David Witztum and Emanuel Halperin

■ CHANNEL 2

14:05 Power Video (rpt)
15:00 Flick Flak **16:00** The Bold and the Beautiful **17:00** Reshef at Five **17:30** Local Sports Magazine **18:00** Power Ranger – adventure **18:30** Paradise Beach **19:00** Alf **19:30** Who's the Boss **20:00** News **20:30** Wheel of Fortune **21:00** Gabi Gazit **22:30** NYPD **23:25** Cracker – Robbie Coltrane (*Nuns on the Run*) in this award-winning British detective series solves crimes by cracking the murderer's psychological motive **00:00** News **00:05** Cracker (continued) **00:25** Gillete Sports Special

■ JORDAN TV (unofficial)

17:00 French programs **18:30** News in French **19:00** News in Hebrew **19:15** Nature of Things **20:00** News in Arabic **20:30** Leave it to Beaver **21:10** Shades of LA **22:00** News in English **22:20** Feature Film

■ MIDDLE EAST TV

14:00 700 Club **14:55** Film **16:30** Mighty Mouse **16:55** Jonny Quest **17:20** Dangermouse **17:45** Flying House **18:10** Musical Artist Documentary **19:10** Rescue 911 **20:00** World News Tonight (Arabic) **20:30** CNN Headline News **21:00** America's Funniest Home Videos **21:30** Star Trek: The Next Generation **22:20** Babylon **23:10** 700 Club **00:00** Special Programs

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■ FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Local broadcast **9:00** One Life to Live **9:45** The Young and the Restless **10:30** Guests in the Living Room **11:00** I Love Lucy **11:30** Celeste **12:15** Murphy Brown **12:40** Falcon Crest **13:30** Coach **14:00** Israeli Clips **14:15** Thirtysomething **15:00** Topaz **15:45** Knots Landing **16:35** Neighbors **16:55** Love Boat **17:50** Israeli Clips **18:05** One Life to Live **18:50** The Young and the Restless **19:30** Local broadcast **20:00** Celeste **20:50** Falcon Crest **21:40** Cheers **22:05** Seinfeld **22:35** Frasier **23:00** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill **23:50** Dear John **00:15** Cagney and Lacey **1:00** War of the Worlds

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 Wedding Day Blues (1990) (rpt) **12:05** Special on *The Expert* **12:30** Nicholas Nickleby (1947) (rpt) **14:15** Sudie and Simpson (1990) (rpt) **16:00** Murder by the Book (1986) (rpt) **17:35** Charles and Diana (1992) – Catherine Oxenburg and Roger Reese star in this drama about the stormy marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales **19:10** To Forget Palermo (1990) (rpt) **21:00** Night Visions (1990) – thriller in which a cop on serial murder case teams up with a criminal psychologist who has visions about the future. Starring James Remar and Lori Locklin **22:35** Angel Heart (1987) (rpt) **00:25** Dying Young (1991) (rpt) **2:15** Iron Eagle (1986) (rpt)

■ CHILDREN'S CHANNEL (6)

6:30 Cartoons **8:35** Cartoons **9:35** Wild West C.O.W. **10:00** Orson and Olivia **10:35** He-Man **11:10** Family Ties **11:40** Beverly Hills 90210 **12:35** Nature **13:00** Cartoons **13:35** Dreamstone **14:00** The Three Mouseketeers **14:35** Once Upon a Time **15:05** He-Man **15:40** Saved by the Bell **16:10** Beverly Hills 90210 **17:15** Flying Classroom **17:30** Loony Toons **17:45** Hugo **18:05** Wild West C.O.W. **18:25** Orson and Olivia **19:00** Cartoons **19:30** Three's Company **19:55** Married with Children **20:20** Hanging with Mr. Cooper **20:45** All in the Family **21:10** Hunter

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 La Passion de Beatrice (1987) – in 1360 during the Hundred Years' War young Beatrice awaits the return of her father and brother from England. But the father who comes back is a changed man **00:10** Devil's Island (1940) – suspense movie starring Boris Karloff. A French doctor who helps a prisoner escape is sentenced to 10 years' banishment on a haunted island

■ DISCOVERY CHANNEL (8)

6:00 Open University: History **11:00** Ubar **12:00** Real West **13:00** Equinox **14:00** Open University (rpt of morning's programs) **16:00** Ubar **17:00** Real West **18:00** Open University (rpt of morning's programs) **20:00** Pacific Outdoors **20:30** In Search Of **21:00** War on the Wildlife **22:00** America Under Cover **23:00** Equinox **00:00** Open University (rpt of morning's programs)

■ SUPER CHANNEL

7:00 Business Insiders **7:30** NBC News **8:00** ITN World News Live **8:15** US Market Wrap **8:30** Business Insiders **9:00** ITN World News **9:15** US Market Wrap **9:30** Inside Edition **10:00** Super Shop **11:00** Rolonda **12:00** Rivera **13:00** Today's Business **13:30** FT Business Today **14:00** Today **16:00** The Money Wheel **18:30** FT Business Tonight **19:00** Today **20:00** ITN World News Live **20:30** Executive Lifestyles **21:00** Entertainment X-Press **21:30** Dateline **22:30** Inside Edition **23:00** ITN World News Live **23:30** The Tonight Show with Jay Leno **00:30** Real Personal **1:00** FT Business Tonight **1:30** Nightly News with Tom Brokaw

■ STAR PLUS

6:00 Donahue **7:00** E! Features **7:30** Aerobics **8:00** Neighbors **8:30** Santa Barbara **9:30** The Bold and the Beautiful **10:00** Oprah Winfrey **11:00** Riviera **11:30** Yan Can Cook **12:00** Aerobics **12:30** The Sullivans **13:00** Small Wonder **13:30** Robotech **14:00** Teenage Mutant Ninjas **14:30** Batman **15:00** E! TV **15:30** Neighbors **16:00** M*A*S*H **16:30** P.S. I Luv U **18:30** The Bold and the Beautiful **19:00** Santa Barbara **20:00** The Twilight Zone **20:30** M*A*S*H **21:00** Baywatch **22:00** E! TV **22:30** Neighbors **23:00** Movie: Spies, Lies and Naked Thighs **1:00** Scene of the Crime

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Waking to Music **9:00** Rameau: Les Paladins orchestral suite (Age of Enlightenment/Leonhardt); Bach: Motet for double choir and basso continuo BWV 229 ±**10:15** Boccherini: Quintet no 2 in B flat for piano and strings G414 (Cohen, Mosaic Qt); Haydn: Symphony no 65 (Tafelmusik); Schubert: String quartet no 15 in G D887 (Alban Berg) ±**12:00** F. Martin: Mass for 2 a-cappella choirs (Christ Church Oxford/Darlington); Rachmaninoff: Vocalise for orch op 34/14 (Royal PO/Litton); Beethoven: Sonata no 29 in B flat op 106 "Hammerklavier" (Buchbinder); Martinu: Symphony no 1 (Scottish NO/Thomson) **14:06** Encore **16:00** Mozart: Sonata in C for piano 4 hands K521; Smetana: String quartet "From My Life"; Andrew Lloyd Webber: Requiem (Domingo and others/Winchester Cath Choir/English CO/Maazel) **18:00** From the Recording Studio – Noam Buchman (flute), Doron Salomon (guitar). Bach: Partita in A minor for flute solo, Sonata in C for flute and guitar (orig harpsichord) BWV 1033; Piazzolla: History of the Tango for flute and guitar; Edison Denisov: Sonata for flute and guitar (1977) **19:05** Bach: Sonata no 3 in G minor for cello and piano (orig viola da gamba and harpsichord) (Maisky, Argerich); Ferdinando Carulli: Nocturne in A for flute and guitar op 190 (Rampal, Lagoya); Schubert: Valses sentimentales D779 (Eden, Tamir); Glinka: Trio pathétique in D minor (Borodin) **20:03** Palestrina Mirrored in his Time **21:00** A Matter of Agreement **23:00** Golden Generation – Leopold Auer and his pupils. *Mischa Elman* plays works by Tchaikovsky, Wieniawski, Sammartini, Grieg, Massenet, Kreisler and others

■ RADIO 1

6:06 Hebrew songs **7:00** News in English **7:15** News in French **7:30** Hebrew songs **8:05** Roots **9:05** Anything Goes **10:05** Teleradio **11:05** Hebrew songs **12:05** Land of Israel **13:00** News and program in English **13:30** News and program in French **14:05** Storytelling **15:05** Youth program **16:05** In the Headlines **17:00** News in English **17:02** News in French **17:05** Voice of the Arts **18:05** Religious programs **20:00** Evening news – TV broadcast **20:50** Bible portion **21:00** Hazanut **23:05** Hebrew songs

■ RADIO 2

6:06 This Morning – news **9:05** What We Had There **10:05** It's All Talk **12:05** Midday – news, commentary, music **14:05** Magic Moments **15:05** Foreign Affairs **15:45** Foreign Press **16:05** The Color of Money **17:05** Five After the News **18:05** Today – newsreel **19:05** Social Hour **20:05** Hebrew songs **21:05** News headlines **21:15** Matters which haven't hit the headlines **23:05** Presented Personally **00:05** Midnight Magazine **00:30** Presented Personally, continued **1:05** Tuesday Night Club **5:05** First Light

■ RADIO 3

Music all day and night

■ REKA

18:00 News in English **18:15** News in French **20:00** News in Russian

■ ARMY RADIO

5:02 Good Morning IDF **6:00** Announcements **6:05** University of the Air – Military Ethics **6:30** Good Morning Israel **7:07** Seven-O-Seven **8:00** Good Morning Israel **9:05** It's Difficult in the Morning **10:05** Right Now **12:50** Today's Entertainment **13:00** Midday News **13:15** It's Uncertain **15:05** Someone to Talk To **16:00** An Hour Before **17:00** Good Evening Israel **18:05** Economics **18:30** End of the Day **20:00** Evening news **20:30** The Heart of the Matter **21:05** Program with Dubi Lantz **22:05** Vitamins **23:05** This Was the Day **00:10** Night Birds **2:00** We Don't Want to Sleep

■ ARMY ON WHEELS

7:05 The State on the Way **9:05** Songs **10:05** Sun **12:05** Air Conditioning **13:05** Showers **14:05** Something for the Road **15:05** Program with Yoav Kutner **16:05** Driving Wisely **18:05** Program with Lea Oz **20:05** Below the Belt – defensive driving **22:05** Good Night

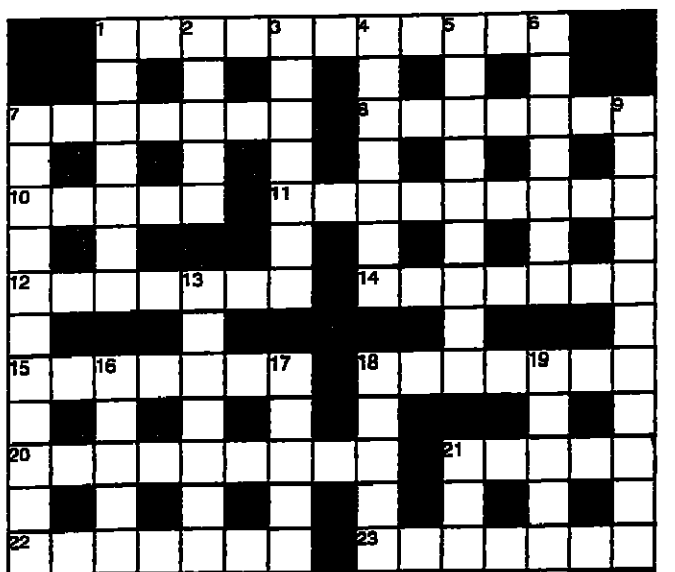
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Not ask enough when subject to an attack (11)
7 Sorrowful even with a household implement (7)
8 Not a first impression (7)
10 Dress for a meal (5)
11 Lead Neil over and give him an indication of the course to be followed (9)
12 Wearing down Rosie, no trouble (7)
14 Graduate removing icons from the lodge (7)
15 By the way a supporter's holding the ball (7)
18 Plead to change into a jumper at an early stage (7)
20 Bring pressure to bear on agency (9)
21 Lady who is crazy the morning after (5)
22 Is it not meant to grow in the water? (7)
23 Where they never stop teasing in the West Country? (7)
24 Strictly directed at landlord (2,3,6)

DOWN

1 Experience travel by tube (7)
2 County bowler (5)
3 Not confused with right information going round about a physicist (7)
4 Great bravery, more his undoing (7)
5 Restrained journalists in a rush (9)
6 Omission of lions ie peculiar (7)
7 Hidden sign of office workers (11)
9 Platter chap has for a hearty eater (11)
13 Indiscreet saucy redhead was taken in (9)
16 Deflect rays of light in a more fractured way (7)
17 Dines out, that is to say, without a day appointed (4,3)
18 Support for the board (7)
19 Lost red revolutionary, one long in the tooth? (7)
21 Cast down (5)



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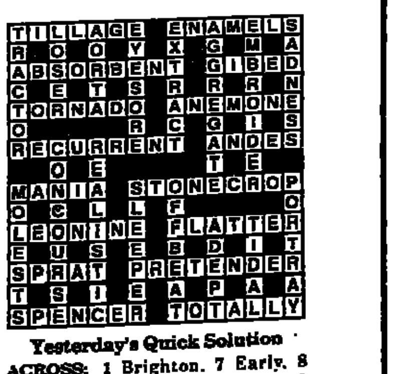

Yesterday's Quick Solution

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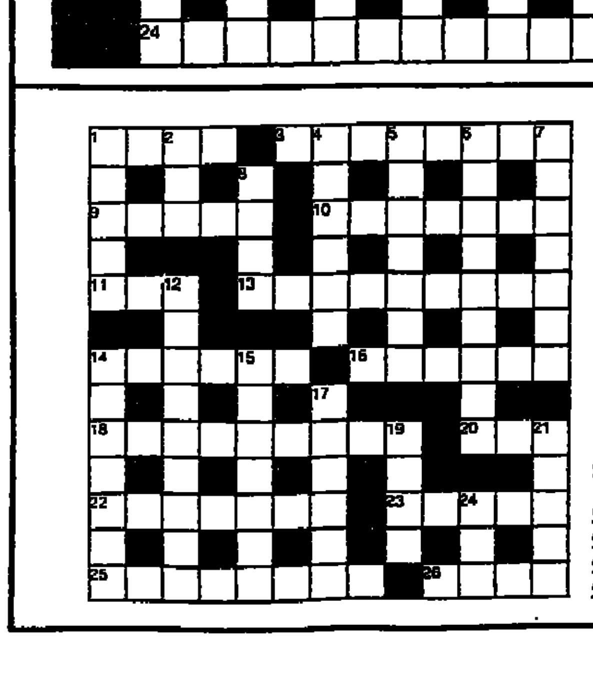
DOWN: 1 Brief, 2 Inspect, 3 Heap, 4 Outset, 5 Brave, 6 Mystify, 7 Erector, 12 Radiate, 13 Captive, 15 Tension, 16 Change, 17 Feign, 19 Steal, 21 Best.



QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Propels a boat (4)
3 Stained (8)
9 Asiatic civet (5)
10 Ancient (7)
11 Ridicule (3)
13 Magnificent tomb (9)
14 Match (6)
16 Performed on ice (6)
18 Needing (9)
20 Confer knighthood (3)
22 Loudspeaker (7)
23 Faithful (5)
25 Lady dignitary (8)
26 Skilfully (4)

DOWN

1 Shaver (5)
2 Spider's trap (3)
4 Obscure (6)
5 View (7)
6 Demanded (9)
7 Imagined (7)
8 Check (4)
12 Bluntly (9)
14 Mistake (7)
15 Chirp (7)
17 River in Iraq (6)
19 Quarter of a pint (4)
21 Stomach (5)
24 Teenage loafer (3)

Clalit workers present NIS 120m. loan idea to prevent mass firings

JUDY SIEGEL

KUPAT Holim Clalit will send the Finance Ministry a proposal by health fund workers to lend management NIS 120 million over a two-year period that would be returned to them, linked, in 10 years.

Clalit spokesman David Tagar said management has "no say" in the matter, and that only the treasury can decide whether to approve it as the workers' contribution to the health fund's recovery program.

Acting union chairman Moshe Zelinger is due to meet this afternoon with Health Minister Ephraim Sneh about Clalit's financial crisis. Sunday night, after meeting with Zelinger and other workers' representatives, Histadrut chairman MK Haim Ramon said he was "very pessimistic" about the future of the health fund because the staff were "unwilling to bear a fair share" of the health fund's recovery plan.

According to the recovery plan, approved by the cabinet last week, the government would grant the financially troubled health fund NIS 3 billion in state aid over the next few years. But 1,000 employees would have to be dismissed, working hours lengthened and salaries reduced.

Zelinger insisted that if staffers do not receive their October wages on time, by the end of this week, Clalit's 32,000 workers will go on strike "immediately."

When asked about the Finance Ministry's threat to put the health fund into receivership, Zelinger said the union would not fight such a development. "At least it would mean getting our wages on time," he said.

As for the possibility of large-scale dismissals, the union chief said this would not necessarily follow. If there were mass firings, the health fund would have to go on without offering important services, Zelinger said.

Meanwhile, Kupat Holim Meuhedet's haredi branch Lema'an Yerushalayim yesterday placed a front-page advertisement in the Agudat Yisrael daily *Hamodia*. The ad noted that "according to research we have done, new members will flock to Meuhedet as the new national health insurance law goes into effect on January 1."

The organization noted that for "various reasons," including a quota on new members in the event of a mass exodus from Clalit, "we won't be able to accept all of them." Meuhedet thus urges would-be members to join before the law goes into effect.

Tagar denied the existence of any mass exodus of Clalit members to other funds. "Our figures over the past few months are stable; showing loyalty by our members. People don't switch health insurers easily."

Likud MK files fraud complaint against Clalit management

EVELYN GORDON

KUPAT Holim's management should be investigated for fraud and violating its duty, because the transfer of all the health funds' assets to another body, MK Ariel Weinstein (Likud) said yesterday in a formal complaint to the police.

"These crimes were committed to force the taxpayer to bear the burden of the medical service's deficits, which total more than NIS 4.5 billion," Weinstein wrote. "This is instead of funding these deficits and covering its debts to creditors with the very valuable assets which were owned by Kupat Holim, but are no longer in its hands."

Weinstein said the fraud was perpetrated by creating two organizations: a health fund called Kupat Holim, and a company called Kupat Holim Inc. In addition to the similar name, the same people have signatory power for both, and they share the same auditor and the same stamp.

Over the years, the health fund transferred almost all its assets, worth billions of dollars, to the company, Weinstein said, without the appropriate decision-making process, and without the health fund getting anything near the assets' real value in exchange.

Weinstein charged that the transfers were made to ensure that if the national health law passed – separating Kupat Holim from the Histadrut – the latter would remain with all the health fund's assets, leaving the public to pick up the tab for its debts. This violates a manager's duty not to endanger his organization's ability to meet its obligations, he said.

Although the company is owned 50 percent by the health fund and 50% by the Histadrut and Hevrat Ha'ovdim, he explained, its constitution is such that the latter two can command a guaranteed majority at shareholders' meetings. In addition, if the company is liquidated, its assets go to Hevrat Ha'ovdim.

Weinstein also charged that Kupat Holim Inc. has been defrauding the tax authorities for years, by claiming to be a health-related organization when in fact it is a holding company.

Weinstein also asked the police to investigate the disappearance of some of the health fund's documents from the registrar of companies. These documents, he said, could throw light on the alleged illegalities by clarifying what actions were permitted or forbidden it.

"Reliable sources" have informed him that highly-placed government agencies were aware of the disappearances, but concealed them, he said.

Judy Siegel adds:

Kupat Holim Clalit spokesman David Tagar called Weinstein's charges "completely baseless and empty of content." He noted that "this is not the first time Weinstein has made false accusations against Kupat Holim. All Clalit assets," insisted Tagar, "until the very last one are known to the Finance Ministry. The assets are held in trust by Clalit and offered for sale in an open and controlled way."

SPNI protests building permits extension

LIAT COLLINS

THE Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel yesterday accused the government of "hijacking building processes," following Thursday's Knesset passage on first reading of the extension of the Expedited Building Permits (Emergency Measures) Law.

This is the sixth time the measure, originally passed for a two-year period in 1990, has been extended.

The law was originally passed to cope with building homes during the wave of immigration by cutting some of the bureaucratic red tape and bypassing many of the environmental demands of the stricter National Building and Construction Law.

It was retroactively extended in May, causing an outcry by the SPNI, urban planners, legal specialists, and other government bodies.

In a letter of protest to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, SPNI director Yossi Leshem and chairman Yoav Sagi wrote: "Extending the emergency measures by another year stands in complete opposition to the national planning trends of the State of Israel, which is being turned into the most densely [built up] country in the western world. The extension will continue to encourage the haphazard rezoning of agricultural land and open landscape by entrepreneurs and real estate marketers and will not bring about faster building and a drop in housing prices."

They said speculation has raised prices and led to hastily and uncarefully planned buildings, which waste precious land resources. Since the law was first passed, work has only begun on 10 percent of the million units approved, and many of the plans include luxury apartment projects

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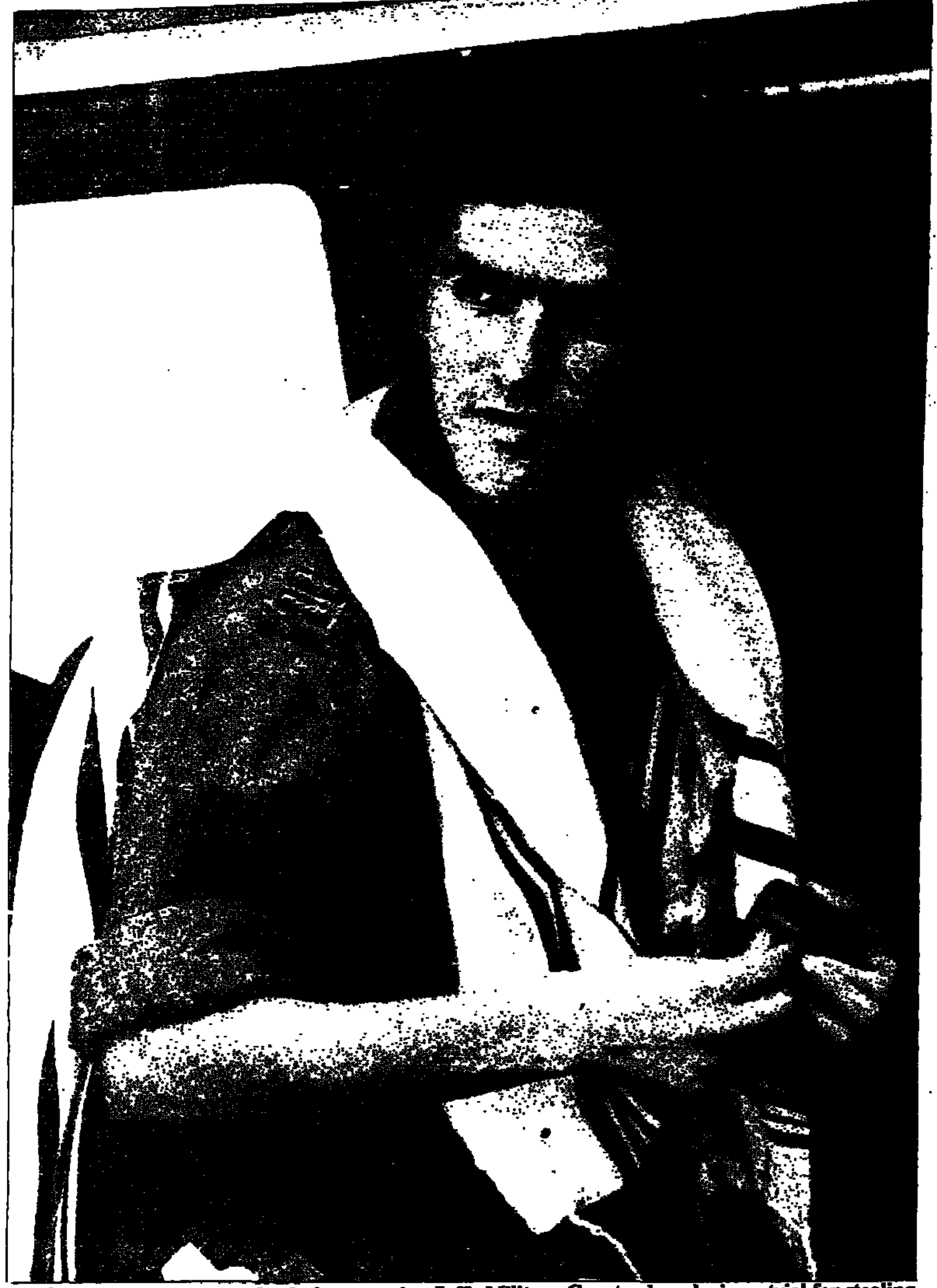

Lt. Oren Edri prays yesterday before entering Jaffa Military Court, where he is on trial for stealing weapons, unauthorized training of civilians, and conduct unbecoming an officer. Under cross-examination, a General Security Service officer testified that Edri's head had been covered by a sack when he was transported under detention. (Alon Ron/Israel Sun)

Vote delayed on Knesset legal adviser

EVELYN GORDON

BOTH the Justice Ministry and Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss strongly opposed a bill to provide the Knesset with its own legal adviser, saying this would damage the attorney-general's role as defender of the public interest and create numerous practical problems.

In light of their objections, House Committee chairman Haggai Merom (Labor) postponed the vote on the bill, which was to take place yesterday, so that the opinions of academics and other outside experts could be heard.

After the committee's first meeting on the bill last week – at which most members appeared to be strongly in favor – Merom had said he planned to push it through quickly. Yesterday's hearing, however, made him decide that a more in-depth study of the idea, proposed by Law Committee chairman Dedi Zucker (Meretz) and State Control Committee David Magen (Likud), is in order.

Shlomo Guberman, the Justice Ministry's deputy attorney-general in charge of legislation, said his gravest objection to the bill is what it would do to the status of the attorney-general, who is responsible for maintaining public morality in the government. The bill would turn him from a defender of the public interest into a servant of the cabinet, on a par with an equivalent servant of the Knesset, Guberman warned.

Both Weiss and Guberman also stressed that the Knesset is part of the state, not an independent body. Therefore, there is no reason for it to have independent legal representation.

"The attorney-general is not the government's attorney-general, but the state's attorney-general," Weiss wrote in a letter to the committee. "[He] is not a member of the cabinet; he is not subordinate to the cabinet or to the justice minister ... The institution of the attorney-general is completely independent. There is therefore no constitutional problem or problem of principle in the Knesset receiving assistance from it."

Furthermore, Guberman added, the Knesset should not be considered an interested party to legislation, which needs its own legal representation in court. It is also not an interested party when it functions as a quasi-court, as in immunity debates.

"The Knesset does not have an interest [of its own]," Guberman said. "What would the Knesset's interest be? The interest of the coalition? The interest of the opposition? The interest of a committee chairman?"

Judge castigates Dinitz's defense lawyer for 'threat'

"You are threatening the witness," Judge Shalom Brenner told defense lawyer Uri Wagman during his questioning of Jewish Agency finance chief Zvi Barak at yesterday's session of agency Chairman Simcha Dinitz's trial in Jerusalem District Court.

Wagman had claimed that Barak lied when he said he had instructed Dinitz that a condition for using of the agency's credit card was for the user to report private expenses. He argued that Barak never instructed Dinitz that he himself was required to report his private expenses.

Wagman produced a document showing Barak had told the police he had instructed Dinitz that the condition for use of the agency's American Express card was that a report on his private expenses "be made."

Wagman claimed Barak feared he would also be implicated, and therefore claimed he had expressly told Dinitz he had to file the reports. Barak denied this, saying he never understood he was a suspect or would be tried, and never changed his story. (Itim)

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Farmers petition court to keep lands

Another petition to the High Court of Justice against the government's decision to rezone agricultural lands for construction was filed yesterday, by the Farmers' Association. A similar petition was filed earlier this year by the Mehadrin fruit marketing company.

The decision was slammed in this year's state comptroller's report, which said they had been improperly taken and did not protect the public interest.

Maternity leave now paid at 100%

Beginning today, women on maternity leave will receive 100 percent of their salary, as opposed to 75 percent. Income tax and National Insurance Institute payments, however, will now be deducted.

Arabic telegram service begins today

Starting today, Postal Authority customers may send telegrams printed in Arabic by calling the toll-free number 171. Until now, such telegrams were written by hand and dispatched from only a small number of postal branches. Those who order the telegrams are asked to give the address in Latin letters to ease delivery by postmen and messengers who don't know Arabic.

Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni, who initiated the new service, said it was part of the effort to equalize services in the Arab sector to that in the Jewish sector. Arabic-language telegrams cost no more than those in Hebrew: NIS 15.40 for the first 10 words and 10 agorot for every additional word.

Deri trial delayed due to lawyer's illness

The prosecution sought to have Moshe Ayin-Mor, former managing director of the Arim company, declared a hostile witness at yesterday's session of former interior minister Aryeh Deri's trial on fraud and bribery charges. Deri asked for a postponement because his attorney was ill, which was granted. *Itim*

Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the J of spades, 10 of hearts, 8 of diamonds, and A of clubs.

'Keep to budget or be ousted'

Jerusalem Post Staff

LOCAL council heads who exceed their budgets will be removed from office and an appointed council will be chosen to replace them, according to legislation Knesset Finance Committee Chairman Gedalya Gal proposed yesterday.

Gal was speaking to the International Convention on Municipal Credit in Jerusalem, organized by Otzar Hashilton Hamekomi Ltd. and sponsored by the international unit of local banks specializing in municipal credit.

Gal noted that the bill was obviously aimed at the minority of local council heads.

Otzar Hashilton Hamekomi Director-General David Kapah said that the better local councils run their finances, the better their chances to get cheaper credit.

During the two-day conference, *participants* will discuss the international monetary markets, relations between local councils and the banking world, and economic aspects of the peace process.

Today, Police Minister Moshe Shahal, Bank Inspector Ze'ev Abeles, and Otzar Hashilton Hamekomi board chairman Simcha Miller are to address the group.

Two held in shooting of prison guard

RAINE MARCUS

TWO wounded followers of Uzi Meshulam, suspected of attempting to murder a prison guard on Sunday, were remanded for 10 days from their hospital beds yesterday

A heavily guarded Judge Edna Bekenstein arrived at the bedside of Avner Sidi in Sheba Hospital's intensive car unit. But he had difficulty in responding.

Yoav Shabi, in Rehovot's Kaplan hospital, was remanded by Judge Ora Bat-Ner

Defense lawyers Simha Ziv and Tsadok Hugi, who are also representing Meshulam, said their clients are not "in a fit state to respond and as such should only be remanded for a short time."

Police are still hunting a third man, whose identity is known, who managed to escape when prison guard Benny Aviram fired 13 times at the three after they tried to murder him near his Kiryat Malachi home.

Aviram is in charge of security at Ramle's Nitzan detention center where, until yesterday, 10 of Meshulam's followers were being held pending trial.

Aviram was reported in moderate but stable condition in Kaplan Hospital, after being shot in the jaw, chest and shoulder.

After the incident Meshulam and his supporters, currently on trial in Tel Aviv District Court, were transferred to various prisons around the country. Prison guards and police officers are also taking stringent precautions to ensure their own safety.

Police are still trying to establish if Meshulam himself gave the firing orders.

Court clears temporary manager of massage parlor

THE Supreme Court yesterday accepted the appeal of a man convicted of running a massage parlor who claimed he was only a temporary replacement for the manager.

Herzl Gavizon had been convicted by a lower court, but cleared of pimping charges. The lower court had ruled that "the person responsible for what goes on at a massage parlor, even if he did not have ongoing responsibility, is the 'manager' of that place," and sentenced him to a six month suspended sentence and a NIS 2,500 fine.

In his appeal, Gavizon said he only served as a replacement for a few days and was paid by the hour. Justices Ya'acov Kedmi and Gavriel Bach accepted his claim, with Kedmi stating that a distinction must be made between a "replacement" who works there regularly and a by-the-hour replacement only there to see the place operates properly.

Bach said there was nothing to indicate Gavizon received any pay or other compensation for his work, and Gavizon said he had done it "as a favor." Bach added that there was no evidence of Gavizon setting prices or determining what type of service it offered.

Supreme Court Vice President Aharon Barak dissented, saying it was possible for several people to run a massage parlor, and that the person put in charge of maintaining the "status quo" at such a place controls it and therefore runs it. (Itim)